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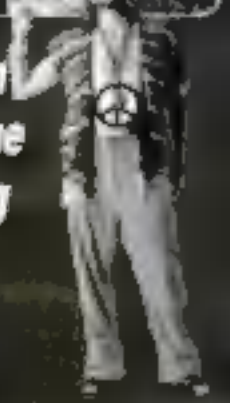

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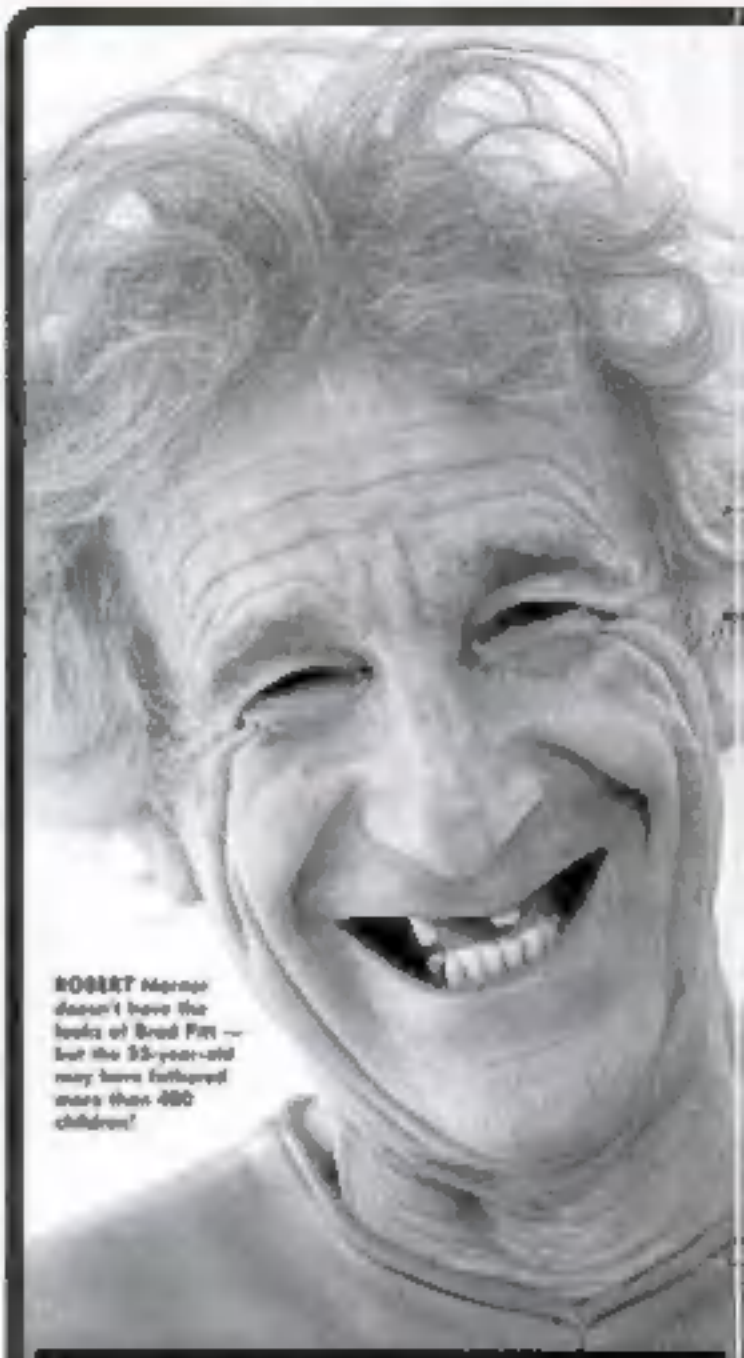

ROBERT Horror doesn't have the looks of Brad Pitt — but the 55-year-old may have fathered more than 400 children!

FUN SPERM FACTS

- *Average number of sperm in a man's ejaculate:* 80 million
- *Average number of times a man will ejaculate in his lifetime:* 7,200
- *Average total amount of lifetime ejaculate:* 18 quarts
- *Average speed of ejaculation:* 28 miles per hour
- *Average number of calories in a teaspoon of semen:* 7
- *Average duration of the male orgasm:* 4 seconds
- *Distance sperm travels to fertilize an egg:* 3-4 inches
- **Sperm lifespan: 2.5 months, from development to ejaculation**
- **The sperm's muscle drives nature's only known rotary joint. The tail doesn't whip, but moves**

MEET AMERICA'S NO. 1

SPERM KING

Amazing oldster has supplied his seed to over 600 women!

By SALLY MARGATE
Correspondent

ROBERT MERNER barely has a tooth in his head and he looks like a gorilla, but that didn't stop him from becoming America's No. 1 sperm donor in 2003.

The soft-spoken, 55-year-old hillbilly [illegible] deposits with a major sperm bank that sold his seed to an astonishing 600 women.

And while records on how many of those new-mom wannabes got pregnant are confidential, it is believed that as many as 400 may have given birth to or are still carrying his babies.

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YOUR INTERVIEW WITH A BIGFOOT PROVES THEY'RE NOT DUMB WOODLAND CREATURES!

DEAR EDITOR: I was floored by your astounding exclusive interview with a Bigfoot (April 5, 2004). I always figured that they would have to be intelligent creatures (after all, they've managed to evade mankind for the most part for thousands of years), but I never would have guessed how remarkably articulate they are. It is my fervent hope that one day soon the Bigfoot will step out of the shadows and that we humans will embrace them as friends. — Paula F., Hadleysburg, Va.

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Dear Editor: I recently read your article about the use of *Star Trek* plots to catch Satan off guard and destroy him (March 22, 2004). I would urge you to reprint the story with a big, attention-getting headline before the 27th of March, so you can correct a basic flaw I found in the plan. You see, the Earth is divided into 24 different time zones, and when you slice it up like that, ¼ of the world's population living in a given zone will be taunting Satan, giving him another 15 minutes to relax before the next time zone hits him. So you need to agree on a standard time and tell everyone to taunt Satan then so it will be simultaneous all over the world. You should also include a chart in the corrected article so the readers will know how many hours to add or subtract to get their proper time calculated. — Matt F., San Jose, Calif.

Say Matt, that's a really sharp idea! Too bad we got it several days too late.

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Dear Weekly World News: Let me begin by stating that I greatly enjoy your magazine. But being a Martian living on Earth, I wish to correct your story concerning a "Martian caveman" located on my home world (March 8, 2004). This being was not native to Mars, but was rather an X-tronian. At least that's what it appears to be, judging from your photo on Page 3 of the issue.

X-tronians often visit our underground cities and have done so for many hundreds of years, so it is quite possible that this particular specimen became lost on the plains and was forced into a primitive lifestyle after a certain period of time, only to become trapped in the frozen — and often lethal — Martian polar regions.

Should you ever have any questions concerning the numerous alien races living throughout the universe, please feel free to contact me. — Martian Ambassador Growlnic van Outmall, Wilmington, Del.

We stand corrected, Mr. Ambassador. And we'll definitely be contacting you soon for some good alien story leads!

Letter of the Week

SURVIVOR
Gabrielle Fouchet

Dear Editor: Good morning, or good afternoon, as the case may be! I always enjoy reading Weekly World News! You publish such fascinating stories.

I was very impressed by the courage of Ms. Gabrielle Fouchet, the French nurse who survived a stay in North Korean dictator Kim Jong Il's torture chamber (March 29, 2004). Not only is she beautiful, but she is the bravest woman I have ever heard of. I've always been a fan of the great female heroes of the movies and TV series, but Ms. Fouchet is the real thing! She suffered terrible torment, yet she professed "death before dishonor." And, even the officer in charge of her torture admired her bravery — so much that he felt compelled to let her go.

Does Ms. Fouchet speak English? If so, will you please forward my letter to her? I was hoping she might send me an autographed photo of herself. I think she's awesome!

Please keep up the great work, bringing us these amazing stories. — Mike L., Avon, Ind.

Unfortunately, Mike, at last report, Gabrielle Fouchet is back at work administering medicine to disease-ridden peasants in Third World countries.

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LADIES! TOP PSYCHIATRIST REVEALS HER 8 TIPS GUARANTEED TO . . .

MAKE ANY MAN YOUR BOOT-LICKING SLAVE!

By ANNIE VAN HORNE
Correspondent

HEY, LADIES — you can turn any man into your boot-licking slave with super new tips from a psychiatrist.

"Training a man is like training a dog — you use rewards and punishments to bend him to your will," says Dr. Jenny Mercer of Los Angeles.

"If you stand your ground, he'll be eating out of your hand in just a few weeks.

"I guarantee it."

Here are eight quick and easy ways to squeeze "free will" out of any man and turn him into your eager servant.

1 Know what you want. Before you can turn your man into your slave, you have to decide just what it is you want your slave to do. And when it comes to goals, shoot for the moon. Is expecting your man to scrub toilets, wash and iron clothes, wash windows, mop floors, cook AND work full time to bring home the bacon too much to expect? Heck, no.

2 Cut him off. Sex is the best training tool you've got, and denying it to your man is the quickest way to turn him into your slave. For some guys, you'll have to wait a few days, for others, a week or two — but sooner or later, he'll drop to his knees and promise you ANYTHING if you just agree to give him some lovin'.

3 Don't be afraid to show affection — and take it away. Men desperately want women to love them unconditionally and approve of everything they do. Use this weakness to your advantage by acting affectionately toward your man when he's good and giving him icy stares and thing to make you happy, let him know that it's O.K. but could be better. If he scrubs the bathroom tile, for example, make sure you find a few spots he missed.

5 Don't praise him too much. Men who get lots of praise start thinking they're acceptable just the way they are. An occasional "that's fine" or "not bad" is plenty of back patting.

6 Reward breakthrough behaviors. When a man cleans the toilet for the first time or mends a rip in your dress on his own without being coerced, a quickie love session or special meal will get his attention. Just make sure he understands the breakthrough chore is something you expect him to do from now on BEFORE you give him the reward.

7 Don't be afraid to punish your slave. If he lets you down, make him pay. If he's embarrassed when you call him "a dud in bed" in front of his friends, for example, invite them over for a barbecue — and let him have it.

Make sure he knows exactly why you're all over his case.

8 To err is human, to forgive is even worse. You must hold a grudge when your slave gets lazy or lets you down in any way. Bring up his failings often to keep him focused and avoid future letdowns.

PAGE 5 GIRL NEXT DOOR!

LEGAL EAGLE

WOULD you believe this eye-popping beauty is NOT a professional model? Gorgeously built Jennifer will do just peeps for fun. The brown-eyed blonde, who measures 36DD-24-36, also enjoys shopping, hanging out with friends, dancing, traveling and showing romantic Italian flowers. The California girl hopes

WEEKLY WORLD NEWS HEALTH UPDATE:

FLUSH OUT FLAB WITH NEW . . .

ALL YOU CAN EAT DIET!

By ANNIE VAN HORNE
Correspondent

YOU CAN PIG OUT and still lose weight on the sensational new All You Can Eat Diet!

Unlike ordinary weight loss plans that deprive you of delicious foods, force you to restrict portions and, even worse, exercise like a pea brained idiot, this regimen developed by an Australian nutritionist who used to be a tubbo herself really works.

And your menus will include platter-sized helpings of thick and juicy steaks and chops, a garden's delight of fresh fruits and vegetables, and even mouth watering ice cream — with cherries on top!

"The diet relies on elements taken from both low-carb and low-fat diets, and that's why you are able to select from so many of the foods that we all like," says nutritionist Jan Creda.

"Hundreds of my own clients have registered impressive weight losses of 20 to 225 pounds. Even better, they're staying slim."

There are restrictions to what you can eat, she says, but the sky's the limit on how much you can eat — and she does insist that you "eat fast, a practice that drives air into your stomach, making you feel fuller, sooner."

In the meat department, you get lean cuts of beef, pork, chicken and fish. Your selection includes round steaks, loin or pork chops with excess fat trimmed away, chicken breasts and non-oily fish such as sole or haddock.

Baking and broiling are mandatory, she adds. That eliminates the risk of adding unnecessary calories with lard and cooking oils.

In the vegetable department, anything goes — as long as the veggies you choose are fresh or fresh-frozen, and never processed. Steam or heat in water with herb seasonings and a little salt only. Eat only fresh fruits — including the cherries on your ice cream!

"People say 'How can I lose weight while pigging out on ice cream?' " says Creda. "The answer is simple. Even though I don't restrict your portions of ice cream, I do restrict the time when you can eat it.

"If you're willing to get up at 3 a.m. and set a kitchen timer to 90 seconds, go ahead — pig-out. Just remember to stop when the bell goes off."

A key component of the diet is preparation, says the expert.

"No mustard, ketchup, gravy, butter, cream or sauce, all of which lard on calories and are the No. 1 reason so many people are so fat," she says. "Remember: A baked potato with fresh chives is healthful and low cal. Butter and gravy turn it into a calorie bomb."

You can turn yummy salads into calorie bombs, too, she says. So forget using on ready-made, high-fat dressings. Instead, squeeze on lemon juice to taste. Or blend one tablespoon of extra virgin olive oil with a teaspoon or two of apple vinegar.

Cook all vegetables lightly and quickly at the lowest possible heat, says Creda, to avoid destroying enzymes that help you digest your food and convert it to energy.

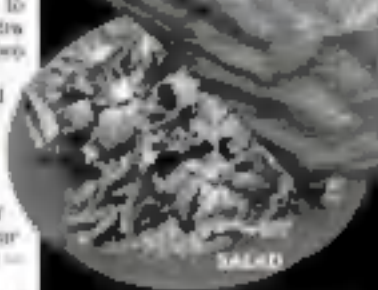
For the diet to work its best for you, she adds, eat at least half of your vegetables — and all of your fruits — raw.

When it comes to fruits, choose any you like and eat them to your heart's content. Crisp, harvest-fresh apples are an excellent choice because it takes 10 to 15 minutes to eat one — and they're low-cal.

Your beverage choices include water or lemon water, unsweetened green or black tea, black coffee, diet soda and soy fruit juice. Make sure you get the kind with no sugar added.

MEDICAL ADVISORY: Always consult a qualified health care professional before embarking on a weight-loss plan or changing your diet in any way.

GO AHEAD and chow down — it's not what you eat but when you eat it that counts, says the nutritionist who created the All You Can Eat Diet.



SAMPLE MENU

BREAKFAST: All you can eat baked or broiled ham slices, black coffee, fresh orange juice, apples.

LUNCH: All you can eat broiled round steak, fresh tossed salad, baked potato, diet soda.

DINNER: All you can eat baked or broiled chicken breasts, fresh tossed salad, mixed fruit, unsweetened iced tea.

3 A.M. SNACK: All the ice cream you can eat in 90 seconds. Fresh fruit topping if desired.

22 CASTAWAYS FOUND ON DESERTED ISLAND

— but they refuse to leave paradise!

By DAVE SHOOTER
Correspondent

ONE of the men stranded on the island was an architect — and he designed bamboo huts for everyone.

TWENTY-TWO men and women who were stranded on a deserted South Seas island when their commuter plane crashed late last year have refused to return to the United States with rescuers, saying life on the island is paradise.

And even the fishing boat captain who spotted the group on an uncharted speck of land in the Solomon's Island chain east of Papua, New Guinea says he was tempted to stay on the *Gilligan's Island*-like wonderland where the inhabitants:

- Live in bamboo huts designed by an architect who was aboard the plane when it crashed.
- Drink pure, ice-cold water that flows from an underground spring the size of an Olympic swimming pool.
- Lounge on the sun-drenched beach all day sipping coconut milk and listening to the latest tunes on their solar-powered radio.
- Dine on delicacies like giant clams, crabs and spiny lobsters from the sea.
- Spend their nights in quiet conversation with good friends, or gazing at the star-specked sky.
- Enjoy living in an advanced society of their own creation, which includes free love and laws against hatred and anger.

"We've got it made — wild horses couldn't drag us out of here," Robert Roffkin, a 32-year-old stockbroker from New York, told a reporter who visited the island after the fishing captain reported finding it.

"This is the life I always dreamed about. Heaven couldn't be any better than this. I'm truly the happiest man alive."

The island's other inhabitants agree that their lives have dramatically changed for the better since the small commuter plane that took them from New Guinea to the Solomon Islands on a sightseeing junket developed engine trouble and made an emergency landing on the uninhabited and uncharted island — one of hundreds in the Solomon chain.

The pilot suffered an apparent heart attack and died just seconds after the plane touched ground. The passengers tried to radio for help but couldn't because the antenna was damaged in the landing that everyone now recalls as being "very lucky."

PERMANENT CASTAWAYS: Robert and Jennifer were deserted — on island in the South Seas — but now say they don't want to be rescued.

"So we gathered wood to make a fire and built simple lean-tos for shelter. Food and water were no problem. Coconut palms and berries are everywhere. And the spring was large and easy to find.

"So we just sat back and waited."

As the hours turned into days, the group of two married couples and 18 singles, who range in age from 24 to 31, began to worry that nobody knew the plane had crashed, or they wouldn't be able to find them.

"We had a little pow-wow and decided we ought to prepare for the worst — that we might never be found," says Roffkin. "That's when we got serious about survival.

"Making more permanent living quarters than the lean-tos was easy. One of our guys is an architect. You'd be amazed at how comfortable a bamboo house can be when you know how to make it."

Weather in the Solomon Islands is considered by many climatologists to be the best on Earth, with

"We all share chores and duties. We've all agreed to disagree. And when we do argue, the animosity doesn't last because we've made a little bamboo jail, and if somebody wants to get nasty and hold a grudge, we put them in there for a whole day. We've also agreed to dispense with some of the conventions of regular society.

"For example, we've all decided that free love is the way to go — even for our married couples."

"I just wish everyone could live like this," she continues.

"If everyone shared and loved and lived in peace like us, the world would be a better place, that's for sure."

And the whole group has a message for all their friends and family members back in the U.S.

"Eat your heart out!" chuckles

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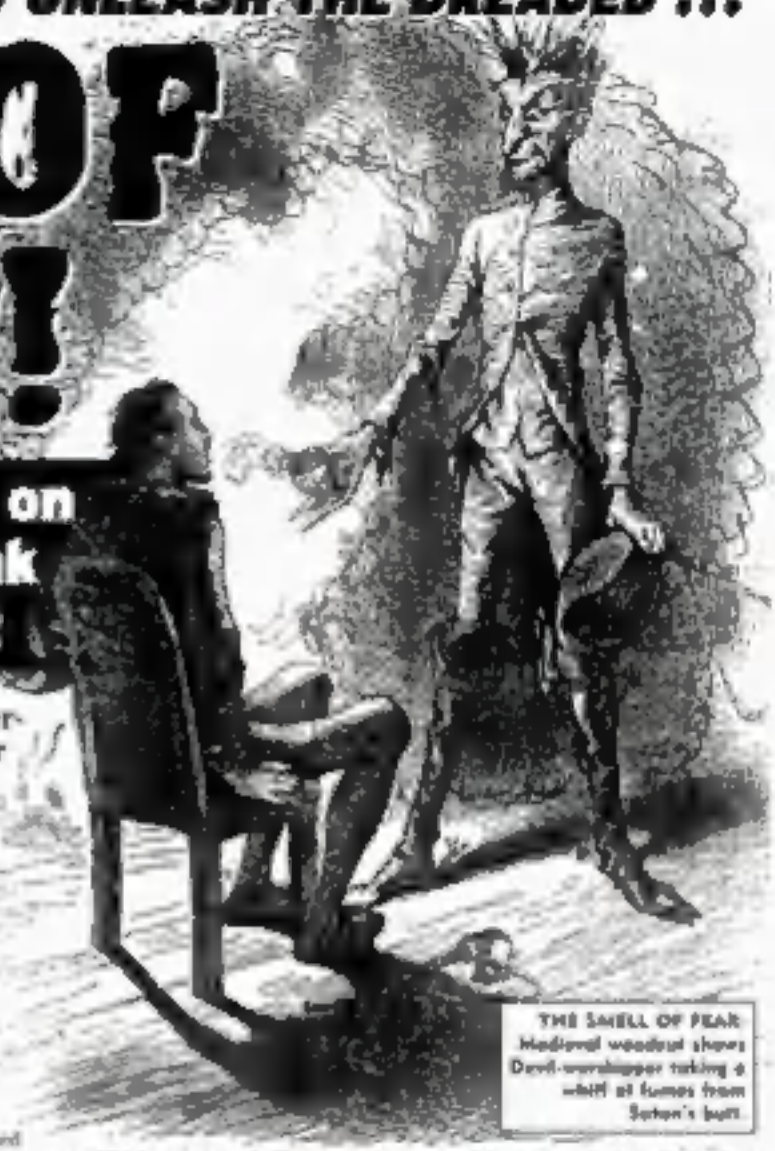
SATANISTS PLOTTING TO UNLEASH THE DREADED ...

FART OF DOOM!



THE SMELL OF FEAR: Medieval woodcut shows Devil-worshipper taking a whiff of fumes from Satan's butt

'If Lucifer breaks wind on Earth, all Hell will break loose' – Vatican expert

VATICAN cult-busters have sniffed out a terrifying new plot by Satanists to take over the world — by having the Devil pass gas on Earth!

The foul stench, literally from the bowels of Hell, will drive millions of people around the globe stark raving mad and spread evil like a horrible contagion, the experts fear.

By VINCENZO SARDI
Correspondent

"There is a saying found in medieval texts: 'Let Lucifer break wind but once upon the Earth and his dark dominion over mankind shall last 1,000 years,'" reveals the Rev. Antonio Vesputi, a leading expert on Satanic cults who is working with a hush-hush Vatican task force.

"The goal of a worldwide Satanist conspiracy is to bring the Evil One physically into the material world long enough to release his loathsome fumes.

"If Lucifer breaks wind on Earth, all Hell will break loose," he warns.

Woodcuts dating back to the Dark Ages — the last time this happened — provide a chilling clue about the chaos that will ensue if the Devil-worshipping fanatics succeed.

"These images have sometimes erroneously been described as witches 'kissing the Devil's backside,'" the expert notes.

"In fact, the disciples of Lucifer are inhaling the sulfurous gasses of the Inferno directly from the source, to gain evil power."

The potency of a single "fart" from the Prince of Lies defies description.

Rev. Vesputi says:

"Now multiply that 100 trillion times — for this is the Beast, who has feasted over the centuries not on pork food but on billions of damned souls."

The consequences, should Satan "cut the cheese" in our dimension, will be devastating.

"The hideous gas cloud will spread around the planet and the sanity of all who inhale it will be shattered," the clergyman warns.

"All people who have any inclination toward wickedness, lust or violence will find the evil within them strengthened 100-fold — and millions will take on demonic powers.

"This will usher in a new Dark Age dominated by the terror of the supernatural and bloody wars between the fiefdoms that emerge from the wreckage of collapsed societies."

The good news: Bringing the cloudy non-corporeal Satan into the world is not as easy as it sounds — so there's a chance the Vatican strike force may be able to prevent

archbishop named Simeon who lives in Amsterdam and is described as Lucifer's No. 2 man on Earth," reveals Rev. Vesputi.

"According to demonology texts, one way to achieve Satan's incarnation is to carry out ghastly rituals that cause his body parts to grow on devout followers. When that phase is complete, the parts are cut off and assembled.

"Vatican spies who've infiltrated Satanic covens say the Evil One's left leg is being cultivated in Germany and a female disciple in Belgium is growing his tail.

"His buttocks — the most dangerous part of all for obvious reasons — are reportedly set to appear in Dayton, Ohio, on Apr. 30 — Walpurgisnacht, one of the unholiest dates on the Satanist calendar.

"Their goal is to bring together Lucifer on June 22, the Summer

possibly can to sabotage their plans — but if we fail, God help the human race."

MEL GIBSON & JESUS CATCH BANK ROBBER

A BANK ROBBER had a change of heart and turned himself in to the cops — after watching Mel Gibson's hit Bible flick *The Passion of the Christ*.

Heist artist James Anderson got away clean in December 2001 after ripping off $25,000 from a bank in Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.

But last month he abruptly surrendered to the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office and admitted his crime.

When dumbfounded cops asked why he confessed after three years, Anderson said that the Jesus movie

THE WARLORD!

Kim Jong Il gets his jollies torturing his G.I. Joe dolls!

By MICHAEL FORSYTH Correspondent

DEPRAVED North Korean tyrant Kim Jong Il owns the world's largest G.I. Joe collection — a vast army of more than 12,000 toy soldiers valued at close to $11 million!

The collection includes vintage Joes dating back to 1964, classic 12-inch action-figures such as the 1974 G.I. Joe with the kung-fu grip, and even the super-rare G.I. Action Girl Nurse of 1967.

But instead of cherishing the one-of-a-kind collection, the twisted Communist leader brutalizes his dolls, a visitor to Kim's private playroom learned.

"What I saw in Kim Jong Il's palace turned my stomach," says Robert Maxing, a leading action-figure trader and Vietnam-era combat veteran.

"I saw G.I. Joes hanging from chains, whip marks all over their bodies. Some were covered with cigarette burns or had been so badly 'blowtorched' with lighters their faces were partially melted away.

"Many were missing arms or legs. One poor soldier was bent over a stool of thread with his tongue pulled down — God only knows what that inhuman monster Kim had done to him."

Maxing had traveled to Pyongyang at Kim's invitation to appraise the dictator's collection and help him get more some rare G.I. Joes.

The trader says: "Of course, after I saw the way Kim treated the Joes he already had, I thought to myself, 'Yeah, right. It'll be a cold day in Hell when I help you get your filthy paws on another one of our guys.'"

Maxing learned from aides that at one time, Kim treated his plastic possessions more compassionately.

"He would conduct war games between his North Korean toy soldiers and the Americans," Maxing reveals. "Naturally his side always won."

But in recent years, the madman's behavior has been increasingly sadistic.

"He calls the G.I. Joes his 'POWs,' but if you treated living soldiers the way he does, it would be the worst violation of the Geneva Conventions in history," the collectibles expert says.

Maxing believes Uncle Sam should take military action to free the pint-size prisoners.

"That evil jerk is laughing at us — the worst atrocities are perpetrated on high-ranking figures like the Cobra Pearl G.I. Joe owned after Operation: Desert Storm," he says.

"It's time for America to stop this madman."

A White House source says that President Bush — whose kid brother Jeb saved his G.I. Joes — is "fighting mad" to hear of the shocking abuse.

"But while we still have Iraq to deal with, the reality is no one is going to launch a rescue mission to save dolls," the source said.

Talk like that angers Maxing.

"First of all, they're not 'dolls,' they're action figures," he says. "Second of all, G.I. Joe has done a great service to this country. Many boys got their first notions about war and valor by playing with G.I. Joes.

"We owe it to these guys not to leave them in the clutches of the sickest SOB on the planet."

OUTRAGE! This shocking photo of a tortured G.I. Joe held prisoner in Kim Jong Il's playroom was smuggled out of North Korea by collectibles expert Robert Maxing.

SICKO DICTATOR bangs and tortures his dolls with lit cigarettes — throwing their mutilated plastic bodies into mass graves like real prisoners of war!

The Continuing Adventures of BAT BOY!

Peter Bagge by

PREPARE FOR THE TERROR TO COME . . .

TERRORISTS RECRUIT ZOMBIES AS SUICIDE BOMBERS

By FRED KENNEDY
Correspondent

OSAMA Bin Laden's Al Qaeda terror network is recruiting Haitian zombies as suicide bombers to bolster dwindling numbers of Muslim fanatics who are willing to blow themselves to kingdom come.

U.S. intelligence sources say as many as 50 terrorists are actively engaged in the recruiting drive, buying the undead from farmers and factory owners in and around Port-au-Prince and the zombie-rich Haitian countryside.

"Al Qaeda finally figured out that zombies feel no emotion, no empathy for their victims, and they'll do anything you tell them to do without question," a veteran CIA terror expert told reporters in Port-au-Prince.

"They have no fear of death because they're pretty much dead already and that makes them perfect candidates for carrying out suicide bombings.

"Al Qaeda is very excited over the prospect of enlisting large numbers of zombies to the cause of terror, especially since Bin Laden and his cronies could wipe out all of willing suicide bombers in the Middle East.

"Recruiting is getting more and more difficult as Arabs see the transformation of Iraq into a genuine democracy with real freedom and real opportunities for everyone.

"People who used to have no hope of a better life are starting to think, 'Why should I strap explosives to my chest?' I want to go to college and make something of myself. I want to go to the bowling alley and roll a few frames or play a round of mini-golf.'"

The CIA source says Al Qaeda started buying up zombies under the Taliban regime in Afghanistan before it was driven from power in March.

Details are sketchy but it is believed that the well-funded terror group has purchased more than 1,000 of the undead at prices ranging from $50 to $500 a pop.

"Getting the zombies out of Haiti and to the Middle East hasn't been as difficult as it should be," says the CIA source. "But Haiti is so poor and the political situation is so iffy that just about everybody is on the take.

"Port authorities and customs agents can be bought for a song. We've been told that once Al Qaeda pays a few officials to look the other way, they march the zombies onto freighters as cheerfully as if they were simple pie-eyed senior citizens on a group walk.

"Then they squeeze them into the belly of the ships like sardines.

"Once in the Middle East, they don't even have to train them. Remember: Zombies have no free will. Tell one to stand still while you strap a bomb to his chest, and he'll do it.

"Tell him to walk through a check point and push a detonator, and he will.

"It's an especially chilling development in the war on terror," adds the source, "because zombies don't respond to propaganda and can't be won over like ordinary people.

"In the battle for the hearts and minds of the people in the Middle East, we're losing — but our messages are going right over the zombies' heads.

And it's not just the Middle East that has to worry about zombies — this is a global threat.

"It hasn't hit newspapers yet, but our intelligence suggests there were at least two zombies involved in those horrendous train bombings in Madrid."

But no threat is without its silver lining, says the source.

Unlike ordinary suicide bombers who are hard to spot until it's too late, zombies exhibit a range of behaviours and physical oddities that are dead giveaways.

For one thing, they amble along with a slow, shuffling gait. That doesn't arouse suspicions in Haiti, where zombies are prevalent. But in the Middle East and other terror hot spots, it should be enough to make just about anyone stop and stare.

"Zombies aren't big on personal hygiene, either," says the CIA source. "Some of those recruited by Al Qaeda probably haven't bathed in years. The odor isn't just that of simple B.O.

"When you get downwind from a zombie, it smells like something died."

Zombies also have trouble keeping their trousers up.

"Because they've lost muscle tone and they've become quite rigid, their pants tend to creep down," says the CIA source.

"Zombies don't give a damn what people think. So many often than not, they just let their pants drop to their ankles and keep on walking.

People who think they've spotted a zombie bomber can make a positive ID with a simple "Hi, how are you?"

"Zombies aren't big on small talk," says the CIA expert. "Even when they do talk, it's next to impossible to understand them because they mumble and groan so much.

"If you think you've encountered a zombie bomber, run away and alert the police. One good thing about a zombie is that they're slow as molasses. If you move fast and act decisively, he's not going to."

PARAMEDIC AXED FOR HONKING GAL'S BOOB!

A PARAMEDIC has been fired after allegedly squeezing a dead woman's breast and saying, "Honk, honk."

Trinity Regional Medical Center in Minnesota, Iowa, says the EMS worker the bosses-he after a colleague ratted him out for the fatal-boo-boo.

RUSSIAN MIRACLE MAN

By KAY CALLAHAN
Chief Correspondent

AT age 70, Berovsky has the robust physique of a 20-year-old while friends his age are wrinkled and frail.

BORN OLD — AND GETTING YOUNGER!

SCIENTISTS are [redacted] evening in a small Siberian village to study a man who could provide a major piece in the puzzle of [redacted] of starting life as a child and growing old. Yevgeny Berovsky was born old and is getting younger!

The so-called Russian Miracle [redacted] has lived for 90 years on the tough, [redacted] steppes [redacted] are Russia's open plains. But while his childhood friends are now wrinkled and frail, as most people become in their final years, Berovsky has the clear eyes and robust physique of a man in his 20s.

"I remember when we were young, maybe 10 years old, Yevgeny many times could not play games with us because of his arthritis," says an 89-year-old villager. "And then as we got old, he was climbing mountains and racing across the snow on skis like a young man — which I suppose he was.

"Very confusing," the old man says, shaking his head.

Now the little village where Berovsky "grew down" has become a living laboratory for doctors and scientists who specialize in the aging process and diseases of the elderly. At least six gerontologists have secured funding for liberal, scientific studies of the young old man, and Berovsky is also entertaining lucrative offers from several Hollywood studio executives who want to produce a quasi-loving and self-spoken radar who inherited his shop from his father. But he says he, too, would like to get to the bottom of the puzzling phenomenon of youthfulness.

"All my life, I have been different," he says through an interpreter. "I want to know why."

According to verified medical reports, Berovsky was a normal infant — or seemed to be — but at age 2 he began to show the classic signs of [redacted] Loose, wrinkled skin, poor [redacted] and brittle bones. [redacted] teeth did not grow back for years after he lost them, so he was toothless until his 30s.

"They tell me I broke my right hip when I was 3 and nearly died of pneumonia," he says.

Berovsky recently married for the first time, after being single for most of his life.

"I could never get close to a girl," he says. "When I was 18 I looked and felt like a man who was 70, and it just seemed wrong. I thought I would always be too young or too old for the women who were my age — but then I met Sonia," he adds, affectionately squeezing his pretty 25-year-old bride as she sits next to him. "She makes me feel like I really am only 25."

Sonia smiles. "I tell you some thing about Yevgeny," she says in English. "In the bedroom, I never know he's 90."

Some scientists are hinting privately that Berovsky could help them find the secret to immortality.

"Still possible that this fellow will start to age after he reaches physical maturity," says a British gerontologist. "After all, he appears to have none of the illnesses or weaknesses usually found in a 90-year-old body, and if he continues to progress as he has [redacted] is not likely to develop any."

Berovsky, however, is showing signs that his rejuvenation may be slowing. For most of his life his physical age progressed at the normal rate, except that it went backward instead of forward. But he has shown no apparent physical change for the last five years, doctors say.

"My theory is that whatever [redacted] this [redacted] has stopped," says one doctor. "Within five years I think Mr. Berovsky will begin to age forward, as a normal human."

"Even if that does happen, this is still one of the most remarkable medical stories in history," she adds. "Think of it. If no accident or illness intervenes, Mr. Berovsky could last to the age of 90 for a second time — meaning he could very well end up living to 180."

Told of that theory, Berovsky shakes his head and shrugs. "It would make me happy to help science, of course, but I'm not sure I want to live that long. I've seen most

SUFFERING from arthritis at age 10, Berovsky could hardly walk, let alone play with other children.

SEX BOOSTS YOUR IQ — scientist says

NEW research may explain why gals like former porn princess Traci Lords (photo inset) are so smart. Forget what you've heard about sex ruining your brain. Fascinating new research shows that sex makes you smarter!

Scientist Werner Habermehl of the prestigious Hamburg Medical Research Institute in Germany says that regular sexual intercourse stimulates the brain and boosts one's IQ.

His study revealed that the increased amount of adrenaline and cortisol hormones produced by vigorous whoopee actually beef up gray matter.

"Sex makes you more intelli-

WEEKLY WORLD NEWS

UFO EXPERT: ETs NOT HERE TO HELP MANKIND . . .

SPACE ALIENS SMOKE POT AND LOVE TO DISCO DANCE!

IF YOU think space aliens are somber, sober creatures who visit Earth to keep us from blowing ourselves to kingdom come or to invade us and take over, you'd better think again.

The bug-eyed creatures are really wild and crazy swingers who come here to party hearty in their saucer-shaped flying discos and smoke pot like Rastafarians at a Ziggy Marley concert.

"The UFOs we see patrolling nuclear missile silos, military installations and nuclear power plants aren't silver vessels of warfare — they're luxurious cruise ships with names like the Galaxy Queen and the Pluto Princess," says physicist and UFO expert Dr. Robert Croft, of Houston.

"The reason we don't like to believe that extraterrestrials have an interest in humanity, they really don't give a damn about anything but escaping the wrath and wisdom of life on their home planets and getting down while they do around Earth, cruising on the sly."

"Every ship has it's own disco, several swimming pools and even a dining room or two. Extraterrestrials have been growing and smoking pot since they discovered it on Earth and remain so to this day.

"And they aren't just dabblers. They're getting the purest dregs of pot from the moment they roll out of bed in the morning until the moment they collapse in the sack at night.

"We've also heard reports of aliens using 'disco dust' — powdered LSD — to enhance their experiences under colored lights and strobe lights on the dance floor."

Croft knows the scientists are in for years of research that includes the study of thousands of pages of the classified government documents and one-on-one interviews with dozens of abductees and people who have had close encounters since 1950.

"There's a common thread you find in every report — space aliens in mirrored ships and other hangouts having a good time wherever they turn up," says the expert.

"In the 1950s, it was a different story. UFO abductees were subjected to grueling medical examinations at the hands of gray-faced extraterrestrial doctors who also found time to have sexual relations with other aliens and implanted computer chips in their brains.

"Now the media spotlight has changed. Extraterrestrials seldom subject anyone, and when they do the laboratories are disguised as lounges — where always accompanied by a theories for the entertainment of extraterrestrial passengers who've never seen a human before.

"The object is for abductees who end up aboard the spaceships and drinking and dancing and socializing that they forget their alien captors and to send them back to Earth.

"One young woman told me her abduction was like a free ride to the Virgin Islands and Jamaica on the same day — Love Vibes for the gambling destination for the pot.

"She said they were really into the Bee Gees because they played that 'You Should Be Dancing' song over and over in some kind of an

EXTRATERRESTRIALS have been growing and smoking pot since they discovered it on Earth in the 1960s, says physicist Dr. Robert Croft.

ONE WOMAN told me she was given alcoholic drinks aboard the spaceship and

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By JEFFREY VAN VLIET
Correspondent

[redacted] SAID NO TO NUDE SEX WITH J.LO

HOLY MOLY! Jim Caviezel, who stars as Jesus in the hit Bible movie *The Passion of the Christ* really does deserve a halo: He once turned down a chance to romp naked in bed with J.Lo!

The pair starred together in the movie *Angel Eyes* and the divinely dartboard diva stripped for a love scene. But Jim, a devout Catholic who prays 15 minutes every day, asked the sexy star to put some clothes back on, the *Daily Mirror* reports.

The newly married actor told shell-shocked Jennifer Lopez he didn't want to do anything to offend his wife Kerri.

"I want to respect her," he said. "The only bare breasts I want next to me in my

OPEN-MOUTH URINAL IDEA GETS FLUSHED

[redacted] at New York's JFK Airport have gone down the toilet, after PO[redacted] Customs complained the idea was in bad taste.

"A spokesman for the [redacted] says it received numerous com-

[redacted] plaints on whether publicity about the [redacted] proposal [redacted] the [redacted] part of those [redacted] complained the [redacted] idea was [redacted] offensive [redacted] the [redacted] was [redacted]

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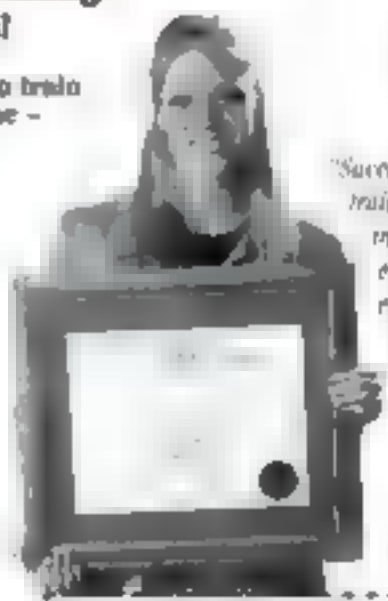

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Wacky Iraqi demands Red Cross bring in the big guns!

SADDAM WANTS *QUEER EYE* MAKE-OVER

By AMBROSE CLARK

. . . to turn him back into the man he once was!

IRAQI RECONSTRUCTION Saddam pictures himself being fussed over by the gay geniuses of *Queer Eye for the Straight Guy*. Some worry that it could happen.

TO PREPARE for his war-crimes trial in Iraq, disgraced ex-dictator Saddam Hussein will demand a make-over by the gay experts of *Queer Eye for the Straight Guy*, according to inside sources familiar with the prison where Hussein is being held.

"He's not just talking about getting a haircut and a clean suit — he wants a full-out, head-to-toe reinvention from these guys," says a prison guard who overheard Saddam discussing the demands with International Red Cross workers who've been interviewing his cellmates. "Hair and skin treatments, a workout regimen, designer clothes. He's even pushing to have his cell redecorated — he talked it up calling my personal living space."

"It's disgusting to hear that murdering scumbag has to ask for anything, let alone demand it. The guard was nuts. And what's even more disgusting — some of these bleeding hearts are actually listening to him."

Queer Eye for the Straight Guy is a smash-hit TV series in which a team of homosexual home- and personal-style experts descends on straight, clueless slobs in order to make them more stylish and trendy.

Sources familiar with *Queer Eye* say Saddam's request may be tied with recent events.

"No one wants to sit a dictator to help their awful man look and feel better in the eyes of the world. Like a style consultant. On the other hand, when you feel good about yourself you don't go around gassing people and committing other atrocities in jail and torturing them."

"Then again, I'm not sure we have enough skin moisturizer and eyebrow machines in the world for that one."

Other *Queer Eye* experts speculate Saddam's well-known affinity for heroic images: Osama Bin Laden makes the wacky Iraqi a tempting project for the gay geniuses.

"I mean, many eyebrows above what does he feel Queer Eyes? And the wardrobe — better we leave to yesterday. We're also not to get him skin, a more natural wardrobe which we know he's capable of. The military thing was not the subtle look to his case it could be jarring."

And that's even after the stylists on the scene (who heard him railing at Saddam's daring Uranium as tough when you're in the mix, but you can make an effort."

Military officials running the prison aren't overjoyed at the publicity for Saddam's controversial make-over designed for jet-setters to be ing reports about the possibility he'll actually get his way.

There are some real red-blooded folks out there who think we should treat this scumbag with kid gloves," says a disgusted officer. "If he doesn't get his make-over, it's a chance it's to accuse us of torture, perhaps we can get a shot of him on the toilet or because we violated some technicality of international law."

SADDAM showed a sense of style on his honeymoon, above, and softness when he and Osama adopted Robert the stoned ape baby, right

officer says he'd volunteer to oversee the Queer Eye for Saddam.

We'd all love to give him a make-over," he says. "The kind that leaves a

DEMANDS from Saddam include a workout routine — and he'll need it if he wants to

WASHER RIPS GAL'S ARM OFF!

Superwife Mary Mann didn't mind doing laundry — until the washer ripped her arm off. Paramedics in Christchurch, New

s dead," said Marion Parsons. "It came off at the shoulder."

Attempts to use the severed limb back

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FATTIES PROTEST NEW *PORKY PASSION* FILM!

By BRETT ANNISTON
Correspondent

Millions of the nation's obese are hoping word of the controversial new motion picture

Heated hefties say movie blames the beefy for their own obesity!

OUTRAGED FAT people are condemning the upcoming movie *Porky Passion* as "anti-corpulent" because it blames the overly plump for their own obesity!

"The graphic scene where the film's lead two hours trying to pry a large, naked woman out of a hotel bathtub is unnecessarily gory," declares fat rights advocate James Tranoom.

"And to add insult to injury, a judge later denounces the woman in open court, throwing out her suit against the hotel and ordering her to 'lose some of that blubber.' This movie points the finger of blame squarely at fat people. It is anti-corpulent in the extreme."

But controversial Australian director Brad Wilson says he is making "an inspirational film about the suffering of the obese and their betrayal by society."

"I'm not pointing the finger at anyone," he insists. "I don't have an anti-corpulent bone in my body. Many of my best friends are fat."

The film won't be released until next fall, but shocking publicity stills and advance [illegible]

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Ed says:

My America

BY ED ANGER

WIMPS WHO EARN LESS THAN THEIR WIVES TURN MY STOMACH

I'M MADDER than an over-the-hill Hollywood actress with an empty vial of Botox at all these husbands today who earn less money than their wives!

According to one Harvard study, nowadays one in every three working women make more dough than their men folk — a whole lotta statistic I never heard before.

It's bad enough to let your wife work outside the home instead of cooking, cleaning, raising the kids and keeping the place spick and span for the hard-working breadwinner. But to let her do more than a little scrimping or tightening of the wallet to keep food on the table and a roof over your head is downright unmanly.

How do these pencil-necked wimps expect to wear the pants in the family if their wives are the breadwinners? When I tell my wife Theresa Jean to jump, she says "How high?" But if she responds to me and earns a dime outside the house, what's the last time she said boo to the mailman?

I don't care how understanding or tolerant a husband is. No red-blooded man can throw as many jobs as he has to, pursuing get-rich-quick schemes or whatever, to make sure that at the end of the week the paycheck is at least $10. Bill, whatever the little woman orders. And if he doesn't, he's a lazy, good-for-nothing deadbeat to red-blooded American men everywhere.

How can Kerry balance the budget of the U.S. of A. when his wife is the family breadwinner?

Look at this one John Kerry who's running for president. Everybody's saying how it's inspirational that he married Teresa for her money but who cares? What's wrong with that? That's the whole point of marriage. I don't have to ask what happened. Tom Brennan [illegible] probably thinks it's funny to when he spoke up and she learned him [illegible] anything to do with your body.

The poor Maguenaire had to meekly do just what she said just like all these other wimps who let their wives bring home the bacon.

SEN. JOHN KERRY is super-rich only because he married a wealthy woman — which makes him a wimp in Ed's book.

THE MAN brings home the bacon and

Ugh! I can't even stand going on with the young fellows I work with. One of the interns, named Mark, is married to a doctor. Every time I make some lame excuse why he pulls out. She works every day until 7 o'clock and he gets off at 5 and he ends up spending more time changing diapers than chasing skirts.

One day I told him, "Son, you need to tell that old wives to quit bein' jealous and start makin' it take care of those curtain climbers."

Since then, every time I invite Mike to the weekly poker game, he makes himself scarce. I don't have to ask what happened. Tom Brennan [illegible] probably thinks it's funny to when he spoke up and she learned him [illegible] anything to do with your body.

The poor Maguenaire had to meekly do just what she said just like all these other wimps who let their wives bring home the bacon.

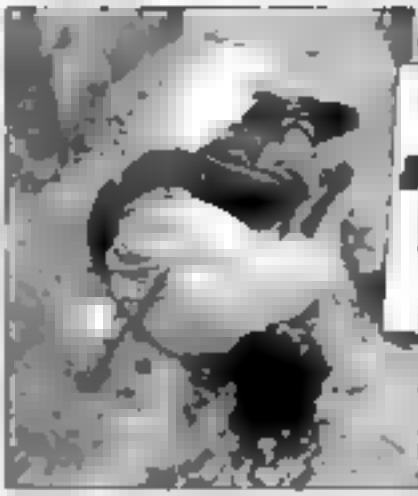
WEEKLY WORLD NEWS

EXCLUSIVE POLICE BEAT

By JOE CRAFT
Crime Reporter

CON ARTIST KILLED BY HIS VICTIMS

— only one day after they bailed him out of jail for $1 million



Police suspect Kang was killed by the victims of his alleged stock scam — who were bent on revenge!

POLICE in [redacted] are looking for the alleged victims of a stockbroker charged with a multi-million-dollar fraud, after the accused scam artist was found dead in an alley — only a day after he'd been bailed out of jail.

And even more [redacted] victims are now suspects because they're the ones [redacted] Ji-Won out of jail!

Seoul police [redacted] formally acknowledge it but sources close to the investigation say suspicions have been raised by the curious timing of Kang's release from jail and his murder soon after.

Kang, 34, was arrested and jailed a month ago for fraud, after business associates accused him of perpetrating more than $4 million for a start up company that turned out to be nonexistent.

Kang's reported net worth of $1.5 billion also turned out to be nonexistent. prosecutors say they were building the case that his high-rolling life was financed entirely with money his clients had given him to invest.

Once the toast of South Korea's investment community, Kang suddenly found himself friendless alone and broke — although rumors persist that he stashed most of his illegal loot in an anonymous foreign account.

Two weeks after his arrest, the victims pooled their funds and paid Kang's $1 million bail.

And the day after his release, the body of the swindler was found in a pool of blood, shot through the back of the head in a nearby Seoul neighborhood.

Now police want to know exactly where his ex-bureau partners were, and what they were doing, as the hours after Kang's release.

"We did think it was odd that the people he ripped off were the ones who put up his bail," says prosecutor Kim Soo Hyung. "But these are not violent people and we didn't think there was any reason to worry. Besides — the jails are too crowded for us to be looking a gift horse in the mouth when somebody rushes up with that kind of bail money."

Kang's relatives angrily deny having anything to do with the murder.

"Why would we do such a thing? We bailed him out to make him pay us back from the secret account. We don't get money out of a corpse.

"Other than that, I can't say I'm too upset about how he ended up."

CRIME BLOTTER

[redacted] STEALS SATELLITE DISHES

A Michigan man who installs satellite dishes is accused of taking a little extra from his female customers. Their panties.

Lawmen in Muskegon say they searched the man's home and found a duffel bag filled with at least 75 pairs of women's panties as well as various types of sex toys and videos. They believe he stole the panties from various women whose homes he was working in while installing satellite cable. He [redacted] pleaded [redacted] guilty to the larceny charge.

JACKPOT WINNER SQUEEZES [redacted] MONEY IN DOUBT

Many people start their own businesses to make investments when they win a big [redacted] prize. That's what an Austrian man did with about $160,000 he'd won on a TV game show — but police say the business was a[redacted]

The 19-year-old man rented a building in Vienna for growing the pot plants, according to police who arrested him as he was allegedly making a delivery to a customer. They say the misguided entrepreneur had already harvested more than 10 batches of the weed which had an estimated street value of at least $135,000.

[redacted] LADEN LOOK-ALIKE ATTACKED IN STREET

A man who greatly resembles terrorist mastermind Osama Bin Laden was almost run down by a car whose driver said he was severely traumatized by Al Qaeda's train bombings in Madrid last month.

The 36-year-old look-alike escaped unharmed, but his attacker was convicted of assault and ordered to pay the victim $615 for pain and suffering. He also got a three-month suspended jail sentence.

The attacker was "the victim of a hallucination," says his lawyer, arguing that the driver was upset by the bombings that killed 190 people and injured almost 1,000 more.

"If it was Bin Laden," he adds, "he would have won a $5 million re[redacted]

RAP SHEET

R. KELLY [redacted] CHARGES DROPPED

GOOD NEWS for singer R. Kelly, as one of the two child-porn rumps against him has been dropped.

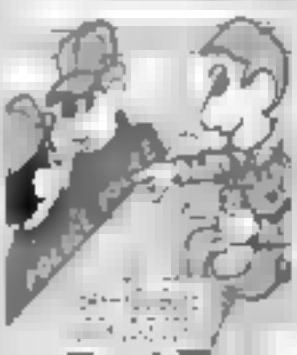
Prosecutors in Polk County, Fla. dropped charges against Kelly after a judge ruled they couldn't use photos found by cops in Davenport, Fla., which the cops say show Kelly having sex with an underage girl.

The judge decided to suppress the photos because of problems with the search warrant used in obtaining [redacted] out of the house. The tape has charged him with 14 counts of child porn.

But he was elated at the Florida decision.

"I've always had faith in our justice system," he said. "And I look forward to clearing my name in the [redacted]

"I am confident that when all the facts come out, people will see that I'm not criminal."



DOPE OF THE WEEK

[redacted] POSED FOR OFFICERS POSING AS DOPE TO CUFF

AN ACCUSED teenage drug dealer got suspicious during an attempted sale, and told his customers they "looked like cops."

Maybe it was the word "Police" on their uniform jackets that tipped him off.

Two officers are then [redacted] an unmarked car but wearing the labeled jackets that are commonly worn by police during a raid.

They say the 17-year-old youth waved them down, jumped in the backseat of the car and offered to sell them some drugs.

That's when he got suspicious and accused them of being cops.

And that's when the un[redacted]

What would Bush do?

NEVER MIND what Jesus would do — ask yourself what Bush would do.

Millions of devout Christians who adore the straight-shooting, manly U.S. president are now choosing him as their No. 1 role model, according to a religious Web site.

"In the past, if some bully confronted you and slapped you in the face, you'd think about what Jesus would do and turn the other cheek," explains a Texas preacher who's jumped on the Bush bandwagon.

"Now I tell my congregation to ask, 'What would George W. Bush do?'

"In that situation, the answer might be to go ahead and punch the bad guy in the nose while he's still just thinking about slapping you.

"That's the kind of proactive Christian soldier our Lord wants us to be today."

WORLD'S MOST EXPENSIVE G-STRING

GALS, looking for some eye-popping undies to get the fireworks going with your hubby? How about a diamond-encrusted G-string worth $50,000?

Laura Gerard won the one-of-a-kind thong in a promotion sponsored by a sexy lingerie company. The 19-year-old bachelorette doesn't want it and so she's putting it up for sale.

The jeweled G-string, which has never been worn, has been kept in a bank safe since just before Christmas when Laura, of Morecambe, England, won the prize. She and her parents have been looking for a buyer without any luck.

"Maybe a celebrity would be interested in buying it," said Laura's mom, Jean.

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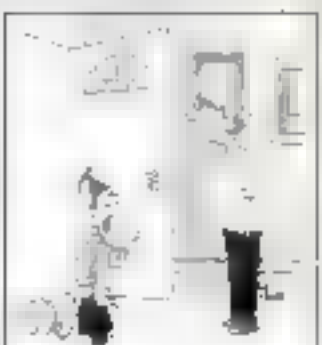


"What a party! But don't

HUMANS EVOLVED FROM PIGS — NOT MONKEYS, NEW THEORY STATES!

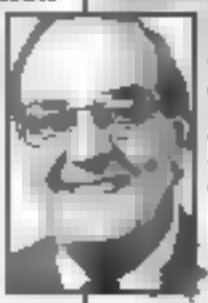
By MICHAEL CHIRON
Correspondent

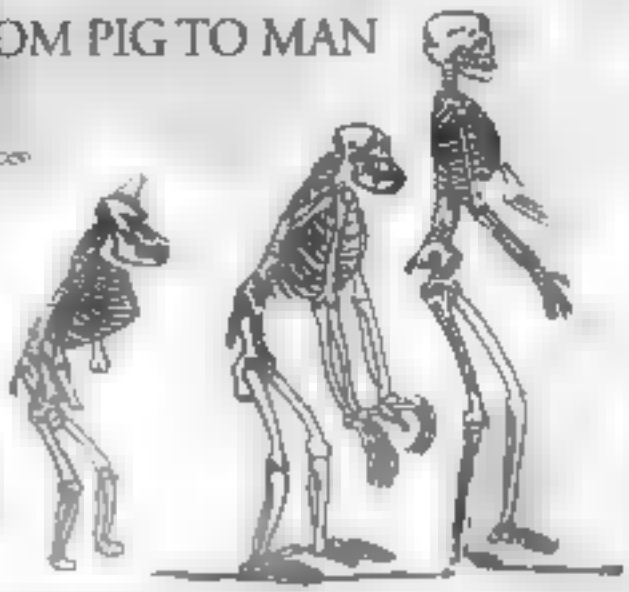
THOUGHT-THAT'S all false! Anti-evolution scientist revealed this fallacy, says Dr. Rust Hotwright.

EVOLUTION FROM PIG TO MAN

Dr. Basil Hainwright

London Academy of Natural Proces





THE ASCENT OF MAN: Creationists are likely to go hog wild when they hear the latest version of the theory of evolution.

C[redacted] Darwin was wrong — hu[redacted] evolved from pigs, not apes. And that explains the Biblical prohibition against consuming the [redacted] of our oinking relatives, according to a startling new theory.

"It's hard to believe, but you and Porky Pig are kissing cousins," says genetic scientist Dr. Basil Hainwright of London.

"Dim recollections of a time when we trolled on all fours and hulled in the mud with our family members probably survived into Neolithic times.

"And so it is hardly surprising that dietary laws making taboo the eating of pork — age step away from cannibalism — found their way into the holiest texts of ancient man."

Until modern day DNA science came of age and researchers meticulously analyzed the specific genes of mankind and other creatures, it was widely assumed that humans and hogs were as distantly related as we look.

But the latest research shows the two species are unbelievably close.

"It turns out humans and pigs shared a common ancestor just 44 million years ago — a blink of the eye in evolutionary terms," Dr Hainwright says.

"My research suggests that this creature looked far more like a pig than an ape. It walked on all fours. Had an upturned snout and a small, curly tail.

"If you saw it today, you would definitely identify it as a pig."

The close relationship explains the many similarities between the species today:

- Both are extremely intelligent.
- Both are omnivores, eating meat as well as vegetables.
- Both are highly adaptable, capable of gentle behaviour in a protective environment, while capable of great aggression when forced to fend for themselves.

"That also explains why pig organs are so successful in transplants into humans," explains Dr Hainwright. "Not only are the genetic differences almost unconsequential but the chemistry of size and function of pig organs make them perfectly compatible with the human body.

"Even the most primitive savages have noted the extraordinary resemblance. A name given by cannibals to human meat is 'long pig.'

"And, of course, in schools around the world fetal pigs are chosen for dissection because they're virtually identical at a certain stage to an unborn human."

While all this may sound creepy, Dr Hainwright says it shouldn't cause us to abandon xenotransplantation, as the use of pig organs is known — and he doesn't even believe we should give up our beloved bacon and pork chops.

"At some point as evolution, our ancestors climbed out of the mud, began walking erect and started using tools," he explains.

"Our long-established cousins developed into the Middle-Eastern wild boar Sus scrofa, the ancestor of domesticated breeds of pigs now raised for food in Great Britain and the U.S.

"While we may from time to time look at a pig struggling in its pen and honking in fear as it's taken to the slaughterhouse, and imagine ourselves in its place, the reality is evolution has led us quite far from our piggish ancestors."

ANOTHER MASS EXTINCTION ON THE WAY, SAYS STUDY

[redacted] have declined as much as 71 percent over the past 40 years, a chilling new study shows. And scientists warn that before the fourth millennium [redacted] will [redacted] — the sixth and perhaps final one in history!

In a series of shocking announcements [redacted] a team of [redacted] researchers in England, Scotland and Wales [redacted] animal and plant species [redacted] extinct.

"[redacted] scientists were stunned to find the main culprit [redacted] part is human.

The report, led by [redacted] Thomas of the Natural Environment Research Council, said the results [redacted] that "the biological world is experiencing the most [redacted] event in its history."

Scientists have projected that [redacted] will continue [redacted] as developing [redacted] more than 90 percent of all living things were killed off. The last mass extinction — which [redacted] the decline of the dinosaurs — occurred roughly 65 million years ago when [redacted] an asteroid [redacted] the Earth.

JESUS DRESS-UP DOLL SPARKS OUTRAGE!

A FUROR has erupted over a new doll that features a crucified Jesus that kids can dress up in a variety of outfits — including a tutu, flippers and even a devil suit!

Dubbed the "Magnetic Jesus Dress Up" kit, the bizarre novelty [redacted] been bombarded by complaints from shoppers.

The store insists its goal is not to "provoke or offend" religious folks. And the creator of the toy, who goes by the name "Normal" Bob Smith, insists he's done nothing blasphemous.

"I don't think there's anything

LOURDES RUNS OUT OF MIRACLES

BELIEVERS have waited hours for almost 150 years, seeking miracle cures from its waters.

By ANNIE VAN HORNE

TRUE believers seeking miracle cures at the Shrine of the Virgin in Lourdes, France, are bubbling away empty-handed — because holy water bubbling up from the earth at the famed grotto has lost its power to heal anything.

And upset visitors aren't above pointing fingers. They say God "must be punishing mankind" to get back at the Catholic Church, which is embroiled in a massive pedophilia scandal.

"I'm not just disappointed, I'm devastated," says Marion Geller, 56, of Spartanburg, S.C. "I came to Lourdes seeking a miracle for terminal cancer.

"What did I get? Nothing. When I returned to the United States, my doctor told me my cancer was worse than ever. Before I went to Lourdes, he said I had a year to live.

"He's cut that to six months if I'm lucky."

And Geller isn't the only miracle seeker who says the healing waters

Paul Vassel of London spent a week at the shrine — 22 miles to get to the famed source, seeking a cure for his type II adult-onset diabetes.

"The first day I was there I went to the shrine of the Virgin and prayed and sipped water from the fountain, because

"I did the same the next day and the next day and the next day. But nothing happened — my blood sugar levels rose higher than ever.

"When I went back again on my fifth day, I prayed harder and longer and drank a quart of miraculous water. I scraped some from the floor in a soft drink cup. But when I returned to London, I collapsed at the airport.

"My blood sugar level was so high I went into a diabetic

LOURDES "has made her cancer worse, says Marion Geller of South Carolina.

coma. I was on a breathing machine and in intensive care for a week."

Lourdes spokesman Father Jean-Francois Lagrange says he knows the estimated 5,000 pilgrims and visitors who have visited Lourdes in the past six months and who have requested a miracle.

That group — Father Lagrange says — includes "only a handful" of pilgrims who visited Lourdes after receiving news of a miracle cure.

And the miracle he claimed in June 2003 — the plight of dead mosquitoes and mosquito-borne diseases at the

The death knell for miracles may be set in motion by the Holy Virgin will make things right in her own good time," he explains. "Only then will the shrine have ruled out the possibility of miracle healing that made the Virgin Mary appointed more than 150 years ago.

"Never before in history has a miracle gone unrecognized. Real, clear and obvious healing miracles," he continues.

"Is it because the Church is so tainted by scandal? That's what some people are saying. But I don't believe it has anything to do with

Lourdes must allow all the genuine miracles that witnessed with its own eyes, all signs say with any certainty is what true believers already know. The Lord giveth, and the Lord taketh away.

And He truly does work in mysterious ways."

UFO ALIENS ON THE RUN

Eight members of a UFO

Dear Dotti

AMERICA'S MOST OUTSPOKEN, IN-YOUR-FACE ADVISOR

SHE SAYS...

[illegible]

Personnel gal made love to me with her hungry eyes!

DEAR DOTTI: I just had the most humiliating experience of my life as what started out to be a simple job interview. I'm a Christian computer engineer and I don't mind telling you I'm pretty hunky. Anyway, when I arrived for my interview, the personnel director took a personal interest in me. She waved off her assistant and said, "Brent! I'll take this one myself!"

We sat down in her office, and her hands were trembling when she brushed my knee with her fingertips and asked me about my "experiences." She cried was heaving as we started talking about "what I REALLY wanted in life." By this time there was no pretense — she was making love to me with her eyes! I felt so cheap and dirty. To make matters worse, she slipped me her telephone number and said "Call me — tonight!" I stuttered and stammered and almost ran out of her office. But now that I'm looking back on the situation, I feel like a wimp. How should I have handled the situation without ruining my chances of getting the job? — Computer Guy in Raleigh

Dear Next: Let me get this straight [illegible]

Lazy hubby can't get the hang of our toilet seat

Dear Dotti: My husband [illegible] on the toilet seat because he's too lazy to lift it. This has been going on [illegible]

CONFIDENTIALS

Dear Broke in Baltimore: For the [illegible] you get a job and go to work.

Dear Funny Boy in Dallas: Being "a little bit gay" is like being "a little bit pregnant" — it DOESN'T work that way.

Dear Confused in Tyler City: What's so confusing? You're an idiot.

Dear Not Ashamed in Washington: Lots of men hit the beach in pink straps and thinner stringbags — and there're sick people, too.

Dear Lover Dotti in Schenectady: In your dreams, gramps.

Dear Humiliated in Knoxville: You should have known the boys at the office were jerking you when they said you could jump start your manhood with battery cables.

Should I apologize for arguing with my mother?

Dear Dotti: I beat up my mother the other night and now I can't decide whether to apologize. We started arguing about religion over dinner and drinks and tempers really were flaring by the time we finished up the martinis per we had for dessert. I tried to cool things off by changing the subject, but she kept hammering away because I don't take the Bible literally and she does. I consider myself to be a decent Christian Dotti. But I'm also human and can only take so much of anybody's stuff. Finally I threw a tumbler of Jack Daniels in her face. Then I punched her a few times. When she came to she threatened to kill me and stomped out of the house. We haven't spoken since that night but I know she'll forgive me if I apologize — she always has before. But I shouldn't be the one to apologize because I'm in the right and she's in the wrong. Right? — Christian Lady in St. Louis

Dear Christian Lady: If you [illegible]

Will candy cigarettes give me cancer?

Dear Dotti: I'm a 5-year-old boy. I stealed candy cigarettes when I am 3 or 4. My brother Bobby says candy cigarettes give

know. — Scared in Winston-Salem

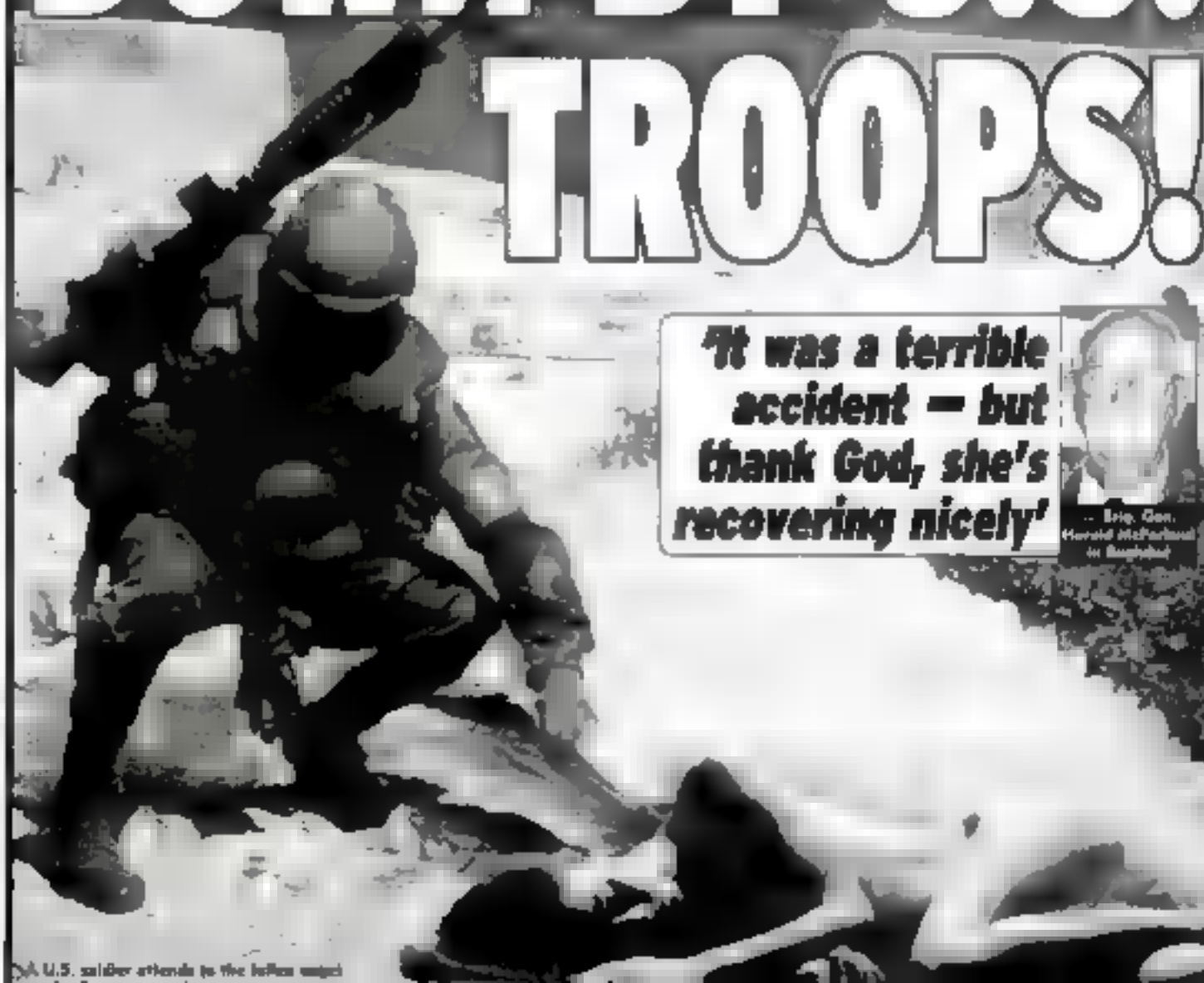
Dear Scared: You can't get cancer from a candy cigarette but you can get Bobby in deep doo-doo by calling the cops and telling them he's practicing homosexual [illegible]

WRITE TO DOTTI PRIMROSE

ANGEL SHOT DOWN BY U.S. TROOPS!

'It was a terrible accident — but thank God, she's recovering nicely'

Brig. Gen. Harold McFarland in Baghdad



A U.S. soldier attends to the fallen angel

A U.S. AIR FORCE jet accidentally shot an angel [redacted] of the sky [redacted] miles outside Baghdad, according to startling reports!

Pentagon sources claim an F-16 pilot from an unnamed Fighter Squadron fired upon the unidentified airborne object "after repeated warnings to change course were ignored."

And there's shocking proof the bizarre tale is true. Classified military photos showing what appears to be a fallen angel being attended to by a soldier — and another of several men in uniform taking her away on a stretcher — were leaked exclusively to *Weekly World News*.

Miraculously, the winged creature reportedly survived the attack and is being cared for by U.S. Army doctors.

The Pentagon officially denies the March 23 incident occurred. But Brig. Gen. Harold McFarland, stationed in Baghdad, was quoted as saying, "It was a terrible accident but thank God, she's recovering nicely."

[redacted] McFarland insisted the fighter pilot "made the right call, based on the information available at the time.

"When radar picked up a small airborne object outside Baghdad, two F-16s were immediately scrambled — and when that pilot saw the winged figure making a beeline for Coalition headquarters, he had just seconds to react," said the general.

"If that had turned out to be a fully armed outfitted with some kind of new aerial flying gear and we did nothing to stop the attack, everyone would be blaming us for the loss of life."

Regardless of such justifications, the Department of Defense is working overtime to quash the story.

"This is the kind of bad publicity the president doesn't want right now," explains a high ranking Pentagon insider.

"Domestic support for our efforts in Iraq has been wavering and up until now, the only group we've consistently been able to count on are Christian fundamentalists like Pat Robertson. The fear is that if news comes out that our forces actually shot down an angel, those folks will go nuts."

The injured angel, who was "cut nearly in half" by the missile, is recovering at a military hospital, the location of which has not been disclosed.

"The angel looks like a physically built [redacted] woman with long flowing hair," says a medical source. "Although the patient has no genitalia, for now we're classifying the angel as female because of the voice and overall body structure."

A thorough physical examination of the long-haired beauty has made clear that — though humanoid, she's no ordinary mortal — and a pair of huge, downy wings aren't her only outward distinguishing feature.

"Her blood doesn't match any known type, her heart beats just once a minute — and she never has to eat or go to the bathroom," the medical source reveals. "That's three more signs why she has no digestive system. No stomach, no intestines, not even a rectum."

The mysterious celestial being is recovering with supernatural speed.

"That missile tore straight through her midsection — what would have instantly killed a normal human being," the medical source says. "But she healed so amazingly quickly."

"She also sustained a broken wing, which apparently occurred when she hit the ground. We had a lot of trouble dealing with it, since the bone structure of the wings is quite complicated and delicate. Finally, someone realized we should bring in veterinarians to look at her, since they would obviously be better suited to treating wing injuries."

"We made inquiries and ended up recruiting a team of three vets who work at wildlife sanctuaries and specialize in injured birds. They quickly figured out exactly how to dress and bind the wing. The angel was very grateful."

"She already wants to get up and walk around, and doctors have been fighting tooth and nail to [redacted] bed. She keeps saying she has to get back to work."

The nature of the angel's mission remains unknown. She refuses to talk to anyone except U.S. President [redacted] Bush, the source reveals.

"She has some kind of message for him," the medical source says.

A leading Bible scholar notes that sightings of angels in the region are not uncommon.

"Remember, modern-day Baghdad is a stone's throw away from ancient Babylon, the site of many Bible stories such as the Tower of Babel," says the Rev. Timothy Murdoch.

"Angels have been going to and from the area for thousands of years.

"Assyrio-Babylonian art is full of images of winged beings — a reflection of angelic visits in ancient times."

U.S. soldiers carry off the heavenly creature to an undisclosed hospital.

Many believe the downing of the world military thunderbird during the NATO bombing of the Chinese Embassy in Belgrade in 1999. Others have called for the resignation of Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld.

Whether the angel could in fact have been killed remains the subject of debate.

"I'm glad she's here, but I shudder to think about what would have happened if that missile had struck her head," the Air Force source says.

Rumors and speculation about the angel's message are running rampant.

"Some people say the angel is here to tell the U.S. to get out of Iraq [redacted] something terrible [redacted] peace," reveals a reliable White House source.

"President [redacted] been a firm believer in angels for many years [redacted] to tell Bremer [redacted] U.S. is doing a terrific job in Iraq and to keep up the good work."

Keeping a lid on the story is essential. Officials fear that if word leaks out that U.S. forces are responsible for the near-destruction of one of God's servants, Baathists, Al Qaeda sympathizers and others who oppose the march toward democracy in Iraq would have a field day.

"Then it's not safe to say that America is aligned with God or worry that because we're so dangerously incompetent we might bring down the wrath of the Almighty on the entire land," says a counterterrorism expert.

The whereabouts of the angel are a closely guarded secret. While it might seem unconscionable that even the most hardened terrorist would attack an angel sent from God, the U.S. isn't taking any chances.

"If you remember the biblical [redacted] where angels were being protected," the Air Force source says. "We certainly don't want anything like that happening in Baghdad."

But like the angels in that story — who used death ray like beams to smite the taskmaster bent on enslaving them — this Heavenly messenger seems more than capable of defending herself.

"One time a nurse accidentally jabbed herself with a hypodermic needle and let out a curse word," reveals the medical source. "The angel glared at her and the nurse felt the weird pain in her life shoot through her body."

Sources say the angel will probably be released from the hospital within a week to complete her mission.

"We'll find out then exactly why God sent her," Rev. Murdoch says.

Weekly World News exclusive report!

BABY DINOSAUR FOUND IN CATSKILLS!

Tiny triceratops stuns scientific community!

By ANNIE VAN HORNE

Environmentalists Lisa Jenks and Karl Marlo claim to have witnessed a sight that no man was ever meant to see — a baby dinosaur hatching from a bowling ball-size egg they found in New York's Catskill Mountains.

And even though the couple are professional activists dedicated to helping endangered animal species of all kinds, they were totally unprepared for what to do when a baby triceratops emerged from its gigantic, greenish blue shell, honked pitifully for its mother and then lumbered off into thick underbrush without so much as sniffing at their outstretched hands.

"We just began [to] shout dinosaurs at great whoa!" says Jenks [illegible] Hudsonville, N.Y. "And [illegible] coordinate the first time we were [illegible] whispering to Karl, 'Is there a dinosaur in [illegible]'"

"All he could say was, 'Lisa! Look! It's a triceratops!'"

For all our hype for the creature that was born just after the couple returned to civilization, we expected nothing more than footprints, dried fragments and a pile of shit covered with underbrush from that spilled from the egg when the baby must've hatched.

But while the search for the creature continues, a key question lacing scientists is whether the egg belongs to a tiny female that lived 65 million years ago, when dinosaurs ruled the earth — or was it laid more recently by a mother that is still alive.

Judging from bones and blueprints, the baby dinosaur is 24 to 12 inches long from the tip of its nose to the top of its tail.

Experts, though, are adamant [illegible] that when [illegible] mature it could weigh in at anywhere from [illegible] pounds.

And even though triceratops were plant eaters, Marlo points out the baby [illegible] considered dangerous because [illegible] something that big might hit you with its tail or step on you in error.

Jenks recalls being [illegible] with fright when she and Marlo [illegible] Hudsonville [illegible] while [illegible] the Catskills on a scientific [illegible].

"Something that big is no [illegible] perfect that you step ahead on [illegible] tracks and guess the [illegible] what you're [illegible] you're [illegible]."

"You're [illegible]. What is the worst [illegible] and [illegible] thing."

"And you start [illegible] your mind [illegible] to make sure the mother isn't [illegible] up behind you."

After snapping a few pictures with the digital camera the couple [illegible] and then another.

It was [illegible] says Marlo. And it hatched [illegible]. When it was completely out of the egg it looked small — like a [illegible] or [illegible]. We [illegible] held out our hands [illegible] would [illegible] a perfect little [illegible] nose. We don't [illegible] you."

"But the baby wasn't [illegible] at us. I'm pretty sure it was looking for its mother."

Jenks says the baby dinosaur clapped and bellowed like a newborn calf [illegible] its mother.

Then it took off through [illegible] undergrowth, leaving [illegible] and small trees in its wake.

Neither the couple nor other [illegible] experts [illegible] to investigate the [illegible] the exact location [illegible] the couple [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

The Psychic Sabak Sisters

Who put the 'Kick Me!' sign on my back before I met the boss?

DEAR SONYA: Who stuck those "Kick Me!" and "I'm a Stupid Idiot" signs on my back before I went into the boss's office to ask for a promotion and raise? When I saw those things he laughed his head off and told me to get back to work. he wouldn't consider giving a raise to any employee "who isn't observant enough to know that people are sticking papers on his back." I want to get even with someone, Sonya. But who? — Cheated in St. Paul

Dear Cheated: The boss stuck those signs on your back as he'd hope an employee not to give you a raise dude! But you can hit back by asking for another appointment to talk things over. Once you've got the chairman's attention, tell him you've been working on your powers of observation and have noticed that he's got the MAJOR HOTS for that new intern he hired a few weeks ago. According to my crystal ball "Mr Cheating On His Wife" will be much more amenable to giving you a raise and promotion when he sees how aware you are of your surroundings. How does a $50 a week boost sound, Mr New Vice President of the Company? Oh yeah.

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Dear Sonya: My precious firstborn "Baby No Name" was stillborn last August, but now I think that she's been reincarnated as a silverfish. I found the bug in my bathtub. Now whenever I go in there to do my business, it's sitting there waiting for me in the little plastic soap dish I had purchased for my daughter while I was still pregnant with her. It twitches its little tail and antennae at me as if to say, "It's me, Mommy. I'm O.K. Don't worry about me. I love you." My husband and friends think I should see a psychiatrist. But I think this is more than a coincidence. What do you think? — Proud Mom to New York

Dear Proud Mom: You don't need a psychiatrist — you need to be teaching a class on trusting your psychic instincts. The silverfish is indeed the reincarnation of your daughter. She'll remain with you until you're strong enough to move on from the ordeal of losing her. You are truly blessed dear. Enjoy your daughter while you have her and, oh yes, I almost forgot. You might want to pick up a pregnancy test kit at the supermarket this week. I think you'll be pleasantly surprised with the outcome!

★ ★ ★

Dear Sonya: I've gone bald as a cue ball at the age of 28 and I'm embarrassed to leave the house. You're young and very hip, Sonya, so I'm sure you understand how traumatic this is for me. Have your magic wand or something and give me back my hair. Either that, or make everybody else go bald, too, so I won't stick out like a sore thumb. — Chrome Dome in Fort [redacted]

Dear Chrome Dome: All your hair fell out because [redacted] on junk food and have a nutritional deficiency that, if left untreated — yikes! — is going to "take out" your sex drive, too! Get vitamins, dude, and pop a couple every day. While you're at it, lay off some of the candy and colas and try salads and lemon water on for size. As my trusty Ouija puts it: "Bubble . . . not eat . . . right . . . to . . . eat . . . look . . . right." Need I say more?

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Well, got your mixed message from the Fortune Cookie this week? It's easy and fun to decipher. Here's the key to decoding your message:

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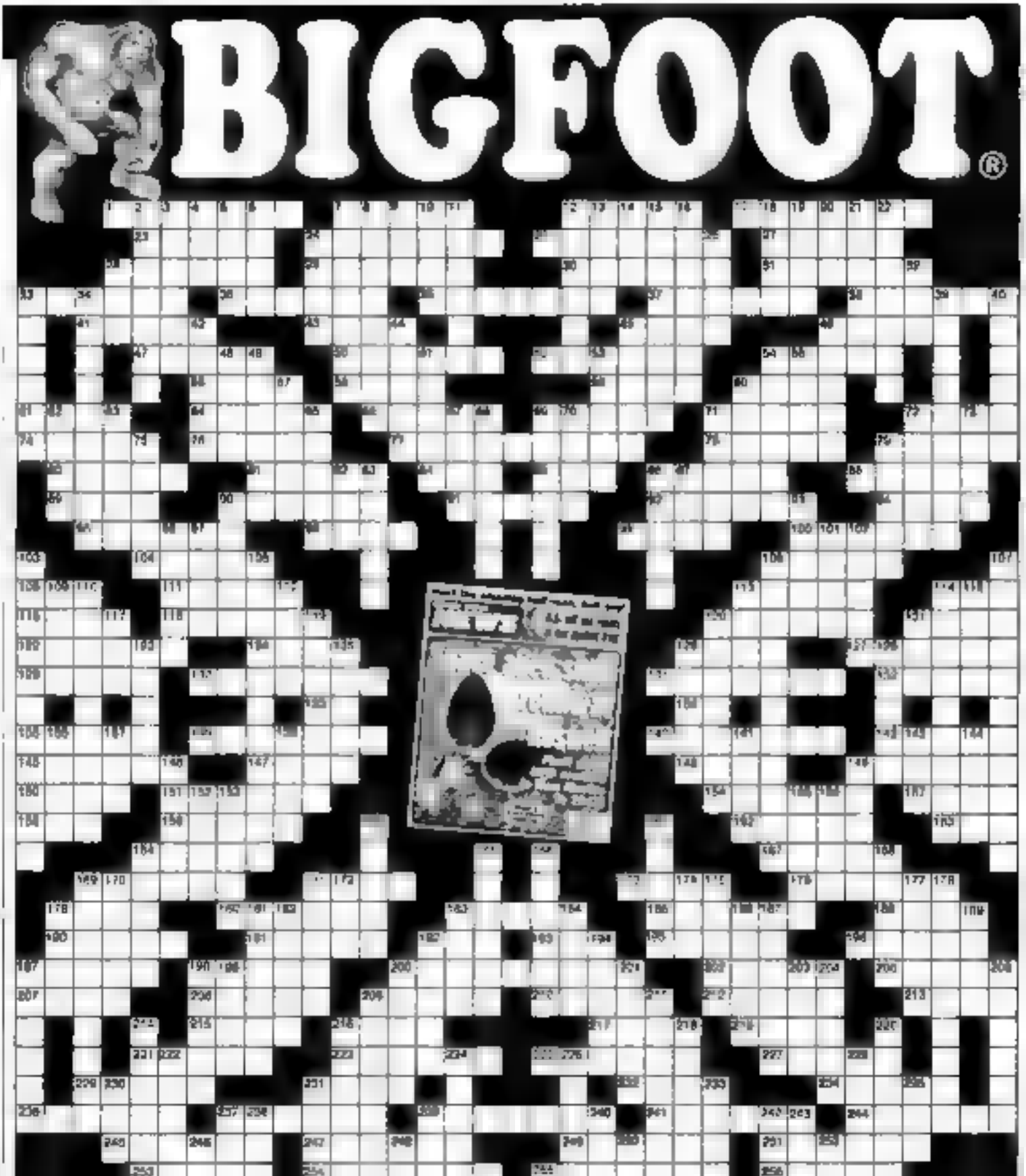
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HE NOSE HIS NOTES!

Mr. COOLEY makes fun of this guy playing flutes with his nostrils, but we don't want to get snotty. He's celebrating the annual Elephant Festival in Jaipur, capital of the Indian state of Rajasthan. He hasn't heard if the guy good as a musician — in fact, we bet he really blows!

... TOUPEES FOR YOUR ARMPITS!

LADIES, you can be as fashionable this spring as European gals — thanks to fuzzy new patches you stick in your armpits that look just like real hair.

"When you go to a chic Hollywood party, you can show how cosmopolitan you are by showing off your hairy armpits in a sleeveless gown," explains fashion guru Nikki Beerwitz of Los Angeles.

"And when you're lounging out at the pool with your boyfriend and his drinking buddies, you can peel them off so the chicken skin don't make fun of you."

The company that created the Pit Patch also sells strips for hairy arms and legs, for women who want to complete the unshaved European look.

50 new ways to get rich!

IN A HISTORY-MAKING first, the U.S. Mint secretly released 50 million pennies that show President Abraham Lincoln without a beard. Valued at $100,000 each, the coins can make you rich, says a spokesman, adding that one penny is now in circulation in every state.

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AMERICA IS GOING BLIND!

Computers & TVs will make 4 in 5 sightless by 2013, study warns

By MIKE FOSTER
Correspondent

REMEMBER how your mom nagged you about sitting too close to the TV, warning that if you didn't cut it out, you'd [redacted] blind? Well, it turns out she was right — and that goes double for sitting with your nose just inches from a computer monitor, as millions of us do every day.

A chilling new study says the problem is so severe and widespread that by 2013, as many as four out of five Americans will be blind as bats.

[redacted] more society will be [redacted] forever by the irreversible-eyesight-damage disaster, which is already in its early stages," warns researcher Peter Bergerwitz, lead author [redacted] study.

"Everything from transportation systems to household appliances will have to be redesigned for a sightless public. The U.S. will eventually cease to be a significant military power, at the mercy of less-developed Third World countries. And within our borders, the lucky few who can see — mainly the ignorant, corruption-illiterate, poorest of the poor — will become kings, lording it over the rest of us and able to rob, assault and rape at will."

The problem dates back to the 1950s, when TV ownership in the U.S. [redacted] commonplace. But as mushrooming into a crisis over the past decade as more and more Americans find themselves in front of a PC at work, Internet use expands, computer games take the place of outdoor activities among the young, and movie lovers forgo theaters — where the screen is yards away — for videotapes and DVDs watched on a five-inch TV set.

"Our study shows that among Baby Boomers, members of Generation X, and even children as young as 4, eye fatigue, watering or burning eyes, cataracts and failing eyesight are already epidemic," Bergerwitz reveals.

Computer monitors and television screens function on the same principle: Like a fine jet of water projected against a wall, a beam of electrons across the fluorescent surface of the screen, creating the image you see.

At this happens, various forms of energy including ultraviolet radiation, X rays and, most dangerous of all, pulsed electromagnetic radiation (PEMR) escape from the screen. And at close range, this radiation can have a negative effect on [redacted] cells — the eyes in particular.

Until recently, the full extent of the damage was unknown, because even high-tech measuring equipment is a billion times less sensitive than actual human cells," Bergerwitz says.

"But our study found that prolonged exposure accelerates and greatly worsens macular degeneration, a disease process that normally [redacted] blindness in the elderly.

"The disease [redacted] to the macula, the center of the retina at the back of eye. Light-sensitive cells in the macula break down, [redacted] impairing vision.

Bertin-based Bergerwitz is advising lawmakers to limit the number of hours workers may work on computers and to have guidelines for the use of computers and TVs at home.

"Otherwise in just a few short years, we'll be a nation of the blind leading the blind."

BLIND AS A BAT? If current trends continue, 80 percent of Americans will be in the same boat as sightless guys within a decade, study warns.

HOW TO PROTECT YOU AND YOUR FAMILY!

If you and your family want to be among the few lucky Americans who can still see a decade from now, experts offer the following recommendations:

✓Limit TV watching to no more than two hours a night and remain at least 6 feet from the screen.

✓Ban video games from your home. Encourage your kids to participate in bike riding, basketball playing and other [redacted] activities.

✓Encourage your computer monitor [redacted] following guidelines available from the American Academy of Ophthalmology. Among other things, the experts suggest keeping the surrounding light fairly dim or using an indirect screen.

✓Schedule regular visits to your eye doctor. Your optometrist can spot problems before they get out of hand and can outfit you with computer-specific glasses.

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63 injured in bird attacks

BIRDS crazed by soaring pollen counts are attacking humans at a record clip. At least 63 hospital people, mostly slow-moving senior citizens and unsuspecting kids, have been wrecked, pecked and in two cases killed by an enemy who flies. They just happened to walk past an angry bird with a mouthful of pollen," a spokesman for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Commission explains.

New friend for the blind: Guide Ponies!

BLIND folks who don't like pooches now have an alternative in guide dogs: Guide ponies!

The helpful Shetland ponies do everything a canine companion would, guiding their sightless owners across the street, on shopping sprees and even on outings to the movies.

The gentle animals, which stand an average of two feet tall, are trained at the Guide Horse Foundation in North Carolina and cost roughly $3,000.

So far, only a handful of Americans have made the switch, but one of the many advantages Shetland ponies live up to 40 years, so owners can stick to one for most of their lives instead of going through several dogs.

Pregnant gals hired as wine-tasters

A STORE is hiring pregnant gals as wine-tasters after discovering they have heightened senses of taste and smell.

Bosses at the British chain Tesco put out the call for expectant mothers after a female staff member in the wine department at the company headquarters in Cheshunt, Hertfordshire became pregnant.

Wine taster Helen Mortimer, who advises customers as part of her job, was the first to inform her superiors of the dramatic increase in her ability since she was pregnant.

"My taste buds have become more powerful," the 31-year-old mom-to-be told a reporter. "I can detect the smallest change in acidity. My senses are definitely heightened."

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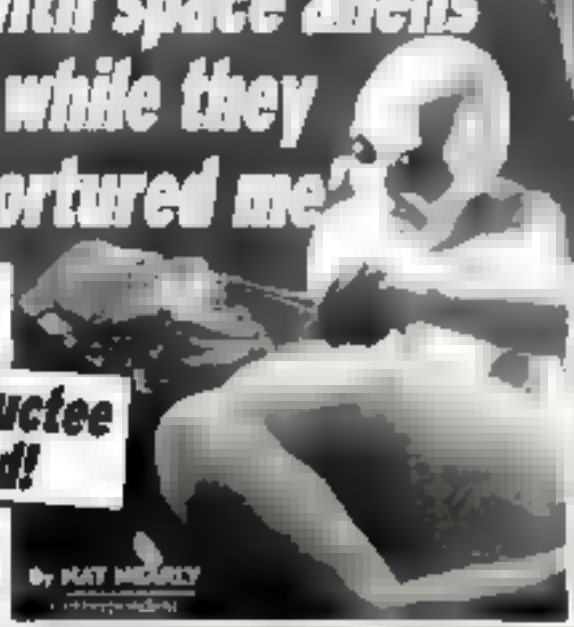
'I saw Jimmy Hoffa laughing with space aliens while they tortured me'



– says abductee reverend!

EX-TEAMSTERS boss Jimmy Hoffa has been missing since 1975, and is widely assumed to have been murdered by mob pals he'd crossed. But now it appears he's alive and well — and traveling with space aliens.

SHARED clergyman Lawrence Masterson is shelling to tell story that Hoffa is still alive

By PAT MCCOY

A 58-year-old preacher says he was abducted by aliens who subjected him to medical experiments while ex-Teamsters boss Jimmy Hoffa — who vanished in 1975 — looked on and cracked jokes.

"As God in Heaven is my witness, it's true," Lawrence Masterson told Weekly World News.

"I did know Jimmy Hoffa years before I have great respect for him. My only question is why he didn't cooperate."

The mind-twisting drama began, says Masterson, shortly after midnight on March 23. It was a Tuesday, he adds, and I worked late.

"My drive home takes me down a two-lane road between Alachua and Jonesville, Fla., about 10 miles away. What happened was like something in a movie. I noticed a bright blue light just behind a stand of trees on the east side of the road.

"It got brighter as I got closer, and then it turned from blue to white. A UFO the size of a football stadium rose up above the trees and hung there.

"All I could think was, 'Dear Jesus, it's [illegible]'

"The next thing I knew, people in [illegible] stepped out of the craft. One to my left and right were aliens, who [illegible] me on either side.

"They were wearing [illegible] suits, and they [illegible] with yellowish-tan [illegible] and [illegible] Masterson. "Under no circumstances did they [illegible] to me."

Then, he recalls, the aliens [illegible] Christ Is God to Thee." [illegible] in [illegible] Glorious Empire."

Then spoke again. Exactly [illegible] the words were all new to [illegible] and nothing made sense. I distinctly remember one of them saying, 'Car truck market truck.' Another one said, 'Beat goat garden.'

"Maybe it was some kind of code — I really don't know. It was crazy stuff, especially when they were doing to me. There [illegible] scalpels in their hands.

And besides Masterson says [illegible] he [illegible] and [illegible] sensations, [illegible] [illegible]

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WHAT A TRIP

Hippie who vanished in 1969 claims he spent the past 35 years traveling through time!

TALK ABOUT a trip! Hippie Billy Mayower vanished into thin air after taking a hit of LSD at the Woodstock music festival in 1969 and resurfaced just days ago in the upstate New York town — claiming he's spent the last 35 years bouncing around through time!

"It was groovy, man ... the best trip I ever took," says long-haired, bearded Mayower. "I went back to before Columbus and hung out with the Cayuga Indians. I've seen dinosaurs and Puritan settlers. ... I even got beat 100 years into the future!"

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ARE YOU AVERAGE?

By NATE FRALEY
respondent

GOV'T STUDY REVEALS AVERAGE AMERICAN IS LAZY, BOOZING SEX FIEND!

IF YOU think you're average, consider this: An eye-opening new government study reveals the typical American isn't an upstanding, married churchgoer with a dog, a cat, a house in the suburbs and 2.5 kids. He or she is:

REALITY families aren't anything like the squeaky-clean ones you see on TV like the Cleaver family

● A bed hopping sex nut who does the wild thing 5.2 times a week with three different partners who may or may not include a spouse.

● A big drinker who knocks back 12 tiny beers, a bestial of wine or eight cocktails every day of his or her life.

● A thief who pilfers something from a friend, family member, stranger or the office twice times a week.

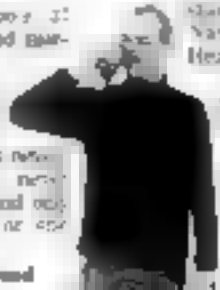
● A liar who stretches truth to the breaking point 14 times a day.

● An office slave who earns a paltry $27,000 a year.

● A debt slave who has piled up $7,100 in credit card balances for a crushing $11,000 and taking on an astronomical $22,000 a mortgage of $47,000 and a second mortgage of $10,000. For a grand total of $280,100 he or she will never, ever be able to pay off.

● A victim of at least [illegible] crimes.

● A person who considers himself or herself a devout Christian who hasn't gone to church, never reads the Bible and only prays when he or she [illegible]



BED-HOPPING and

● A person who thinks an SUV is the devil's ride and almost never uses it except to go to and from work. Instead, he or she prefers to walk, ride a bicycle or take public transportation.

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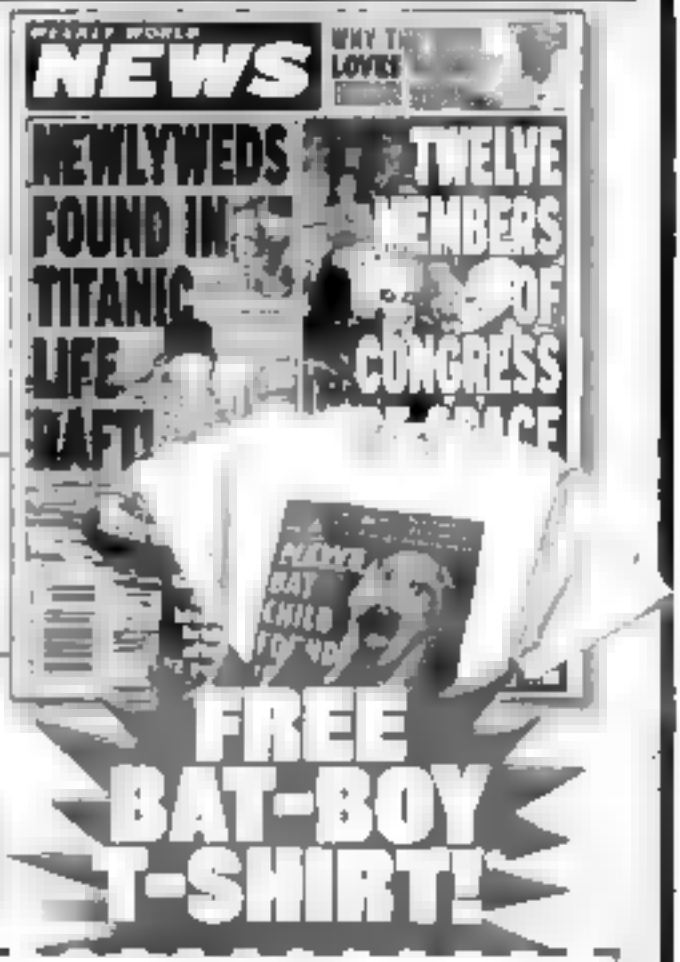

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VAMPIRE LOVE TEMPLE

I was bitten 300 times by a bizarre bloodsucking cult!

BATON ROUGE remember Stacey Gartlow left, was kidnapped by members of a vampire cult who held her prisoner for three hours in their bizarre "love temple." Although doctors say Stacey lost 50 percent of her blood in the ordeal, miraculously the mom of two survived and is now in stable condition, under 24-hour medical watch. Cops who raided the desecrated suburban church estimate at least 300 blood drinkers were involved in the attack. Here is Stacey's own chilling account.

BLOODSUCKING fiends made a buffet out of helpless housewife Stacey Gartlow

SHOPPING for my daughter's birthday had taken longer than I expected, so it was past sunset when I crossed the mall parking lot loaded down with shopping bags, headed for my Honda Pilot.

Suddenly, strong hands clutched me from either side and before I could scream, I was thrust into a van. As the vehicle tore off, I saw my captors: Four ghostly pale figures in black leather.

"Take my purse, there's cash," I begged.

One snickered and I realized they had no interest in my money.

"Oh no, do they plan to rape me?" I wondered.

But that night I was to experience a far more horrific violation.

They took me to a crumbling, abandoned church from which the cross had been removed. I was dragged to the crypt-like basement — and saw it was packed with humanity.

"The eyes are looking at the wrong time," I realized the message in my "I'm a Christian, I'm not joining any cult."

That provided motive — then they grabbed me and shoulder heads stopped me talked. I was dashed on a stone slab. Then one of the others threw back my head, revealing a mass of jugular veins and a beautiful spot to gain an easy.

She grinned hideously — revealing a pair of elongated canine teeth.

"Please God, no!" I shouted as she sank her razor-sharp fangs into my throat.

The pain was unbearable, beyond description. But as the female vampire began to suck ravenously, waves of sheer ecstasy radiated through my body and I moaned and writhed, moaning obscenely.

The crowd chanted — then began to converge on me like pigs at a trough.

As many as six at a time fed from me. One would be at my throat, another at my thigh, another at my wrist.

The women, who made up half the group, were the greatest. While some males deserved before lifting their bodies, to make room for others, the female blood drinkers feasted hastily at my veins as if I were a living buffet.

Only when her clients were ready would a naked lady vampire straddle my body as one of her sisters eagerly shoved her way to the front.

I knew I was dying — I was losing consciousness and I could feel the life force ebbing from my body.

"Please stop," I gasped, but my plea fell on deaf ears.

After an eternity, the crowd parted to make room for a tall figure.

"The Master," a voice whispered in awe.

The blood drinkers hurriedly cleared back. Even me. Then one girl stepped to watch, the tall man took her by the nape of the neck and flung her away.

The Master drank from my throat, gluttonously. When he was done, I was all but dead.

Then, with one long fingernail, he slashed open a vein in his wrist and held it for me to drink.

I knew at that moment he was offering me a chance for life — and a longer life more than one human before lifted me. I opened forward to sip that dark liquid.

Then, out of nowhere, the image came into my mind of Jesus on the cross — and I remembered there was another way to conquer death. Through pain and bitten, I used my shackled hand to make the sign of the cross.

The Master hissed in rage and struck back. "Foolish boy," he spat.

Then the entire "congregation" moved toward me, jaws gaping, and I shut my eyes.

Suddenly, I heard the crackle of gunfire and when I opened my eyes SWAT team cops were pouring down the stairway. As pandemonium erupted all around me, I passed out.

I'm in the hospital now, and doctors expect me to make a full recovery.

The authorities captured many cult members and others are under way to eradicate the group.

An expert in the occult told me that although I was bitten at least 300 times, I won't turn into a vampire myself.

"But if you'd consumed their

THE BLOODTHIRSTY kidnappers took Stacey Gartlow to this abandoned church — [illegible]

MONKEY SEE MONKEY DO!

"DON'T FORGET to look at the camera and say, 'Bracha Banana,' everybody!" Somebody just got a brand-new camera — and it looks like he really knows his way around one, too.

Someone snapped this sleepy monkey at a tourist spot in Beijing, China, where people were busily preparing to celebrate the Chinese New Year. And get this: It's the Year of the Monkey!

Congratulations on your new toy, little fella, and try not to spill any monkey business with it.

Tony & Clea's L-O-V-E L-I-N-K-S

WOMEN

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DEAD OR ALIVE?

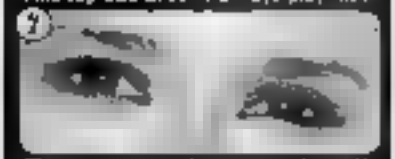
Quick: these stars were like family to us — even if they were a little different than most families — but now they're more like long-lost relatives. Who's living and who's not? (Answers below.)

WHATCHOO talkin' 'bout, you never saw this show? You must not have been watching TV because Diff'rent Strokes (1978-86) was one of the biggest hits of its time. The story of rich Mr. Drummond and the two black brothers he adopts made stars of its three child actors, although when the cute kids turned into adults they became more famous for the battles inside their heads. From left: Dana Plato (KIMBERLY) and Todd Bridges (WILLIS). Front, from left: Conrad Bain (Mr. DRUMMOND), Gary Coleman (ARNOLD) and Charlotte Rae (MRS. GARRETT).

MYSTERY EYES

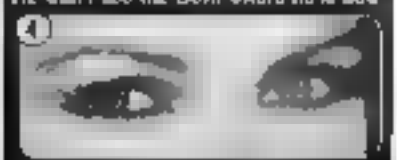
Here are close-ups of three guys and two gals whose eyes give them a distinctive look and who share a detail from the past. Can you match the faces with the names? The answers are below. HINT: No duds, you!

This top dad doesn't always play nice

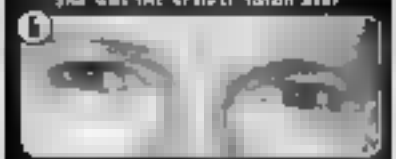


Three names. Three times the evil!

He won't see the Devil where he is now



She was the greatest Satan ever



This veteran is good at playing bad guys

1) Ryan Cabot, The Devil & Jane Eyre
2) Jennifer Love Hewitt, The Devil & Daniel Webster
3) Jane Adams, Wendy Torrance & Dr. Melfi
4) Tommy Lee Jones, Satan & Dr. Jonas Salk
5) Ernest Borgnine, Captain Ahab & Mr. Hyde

Dana Plato called herself a drug survivor in early 1999. In late 2nd Todd Bridges, now 36, is back on TV and seems sober when doing voice acting and stand-up. Conrad Bain is 81. Diana Coman, who went on to fame on Fantasy Island, is 64. Gary Coleman, now 34, graduated his sitcom days with a degree in a variety geared and as a failed candidate for governor of California.

YOUR TAROT FORTUNE REVEALED!

(Front page art)

Card No. 3: Magician
FREE WILL

Love: You don't have to stay in a relationship if it's not giving you what you need, but you must decide what it is you're seeking. Take a stand and start asking for what you want.

Money: Even the most persistent salesperson can be resisted if you speak up for yourself. They won't take no for an answer if you don't give it.

Health: It's not easy to break destructive habits, but it can be done if you realize you are in charge. Stop making excuses: No one else is responsible for your actions.

Card No. 1: 4 of Wands
HARMONY

Love: Singles, your soul mate is out there and making the journey to meet you; are you ready? Couples, leave on shared goals and dreams and you will find true partnership.

Money: Feuding with the competition causes more trouble than you bargained for. Some compromises are in order. There's plenty of room for both of you.

Health: Bring all aspects of your life into alignment, and you will finally experience physical health and spiritual fulfillment, both at once.

Card No. 1: Falling Tower
DOWNFALL

Love: Think carefully before returning to an old relationship that didn't work. The past always looks better than it was, especially if the present isn't so hot. Avoid old patterns.

Money: A well-known figure in the financial world is about to offer you a "hot" deal — which you must avoid. The fine print will tell you all you need to know.

Health: You know only too well the foods and substances that sabotage your efforts to get in shape, so why tempt yourself? If you

Card No. 2: The Sun
DEVOTION

Love: Don't be too quick to dismiss an admirer who doesn't seem to be your type. You may be surprised at how well you match up. Look a little deeper and you may find something worthy.

Money: If you've been following your financial-management plan, you should now be seeing some payoff in growing balances. Good job — and keep it up!

Health: It sounds too obvious to need mentioning, but a fitness plan you enjoy is much easier to stick with. Who says exercise has to be

Card No. 4: 3 of Swords
DISAPPOINTMENT

Love: You're setting yourself up for a fall if you hold your partner to standards that are unrealistic. You can't expect perfection — and you certainly won't get it.

Money: Being turned down for a job or promotion will turn out to be a good thing; you're being saved for better opportunities elsewhere.

Health: If you're expecting medical test results, try not to read too much into the answers you get. They may not be what you want

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BIGFOOT STALKS INDIAN RESERVATION

BEAR HEAD panic on an Indian reservation in North Dakota — where dozens of people claim to have seen Bigfoot!

Residents of the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation near New Town, N.D., say the huge, shambling creature known as Sasquatch to Native Americans looks like a giant, hair-covered man!

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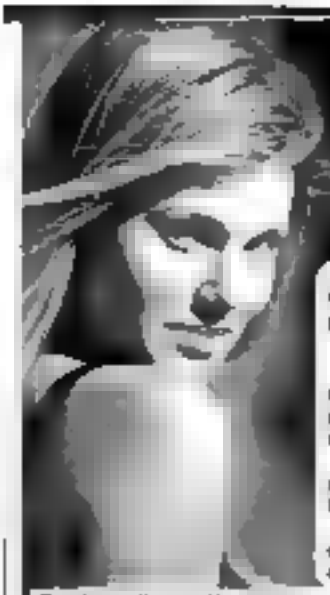

YOUR WEEKLY HOROSCOPE

April 26 - May 2

BY SONYA SABAK Psychic Astrologer to the Rich & Famous

Readers all over the country are using psychic astrologer Sonya Sabak's Lucky Lottery Numbers to help them win big bucks, and so can you! To find your Lucky Numbers, simply look them up under your birth sign in the chart below. If you need seven numbers for the lottery in your area, add your birthday. If you need fewer numbers, drop the numbers listed last.

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GEMINI	1, 14, 16, 19, 32, 35
CANCER	6, 10, 16, 22, 28, 41
LEO	1, 19, 25, 29, 33, 39
VIRGO	8, 10, 13, 26, 31, 36
LIBRA	3, 12, 21, 28, 32, 48
SCORPIO	5, 10, 20, 33, 41
SAGITTARIUS	12, 22, 26, 28, 33, 42
CAPRICORN	[illegible] 32, 42

ARIES

Mar. 21 - Apr. 19

You'll come through in a sticky situation this week where spontaneous and quick action are necessary and being timid is a disadvantage.

Your energy level is high, but don't spin your wheels. List things that need to be done and take on chores one at a time.

With your responsibilities taken care of, the weekend spells fun. Do something exciting.

TAURUS

Apr. 20 - May 20

Take advantage of opportunities for advancement this week. Money and happiness are yours with the right decisions.

Entertainment at home is welcome. Folks are cheerful and ready to go out and have fun. Even doing humdrum chores seems like play, thanks to the happy atmosphere.

Dreams suddenly seem crammed with meaning for your life.

GEMINI

May 21 - June 20

Cheerfulness may pay big dividends this week.

A friend may try to take on you, but don't allow yourself to be manipulated. Give support, if necessary, but be careful.

Check your personal budget this week and find out if there are projects you can cut financially. A dollar saved here and there may pay for that trip you've dreamed of.

CANCER

June 21 - July 22

Set aside time for yourself this week and relax, take in a movie or call a friend. You deserve a little space.

You're prone to be too sensitive about what other people say to you. It is a trait that can be your strength in keen areas you work on it.

You have talents and abilities that aren't being used. It's high time you did something about that.

LEO

July 23 - Aug. 22

You have a fantastic eye for detail and a genius for dealing with people. Both talents could pay off in spades this week — if you use them wisely. Lackness is all that stands between you and the life you've dreamed of.

Get off your butt and into action.

A trip of the supernatural might prove rash. Don't rush in things you don't understand. Stay close to home late in the week.

VIRGO

Aug. 23 - Sept. 22

Your exciting nature could get you in trouble this week. Put faith in family and close friends, but keep a sharp eye on others. Don't take suggestions and proposals at face value. Check them out carefully. Let big decisions simmer awhile.

A relative has some very good news. Expect a letter or phone call.

Something small and blue holds the key to riches.

LIBRA

Sept. 23 - Oct. 22

Your luck may improve dramatically this week, and you need to be prepared to take advantage of your exciting good fortune. Don't be afraid to take risks. You won't lose.

Indecisiveness could spell trouble when a chance to invest plans in the near future. Rely on advice from one you trust to make the right move.

Tempers may flare over a difference of opinion. Try to be agreeable.

SCORPIO

Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

Look before you leap if an unusual moneymaking scheme comes your way this week. If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

Being moody could have a negative effect on others around you. Keep yourself on an even keel for everyone's sake.

Chores may be piling up, but relax. Put your feet up and make a list of everything that needs to be done.

SAGITTARIUS

Nov. 22 - Dec. 21

Use this week to work on goals you set for the year ahead. Save some time for friends and family.

Very soon now, you may have to confront a nagging financial problem. Long-term planning will help you get your debts in a row. Do it!

Don't let your desire for calm like your perception that all is not well. You have the ability to find solutions to pesky problems.

CAPRICORN

Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

You'll be the belle of the ball this week. Go all out to have a good time — just don't let the popularity go to your head!

Children can bring you much joy now if you set aside time to spend with them. Youngsters [illegible] are especially attracted to you at this time.

Love is in the air. Singles may find themselves in a new romance.

[illegible]

Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

Everything is falling into place this week! Something really special may be looking to be headed your way. And isn't it about time!

Take the time to sit down and make plans for the year ahead. Think of a few things you've always wanted to do but never got around to doing.

A new and exciting relationship is definitely in the cards for you in the not too distant future.

PISCES

Feb. 19 - Mar. 20

A family spat could turn into full-scale war this week if you don't calm things down. The key word is compromise — just don't give too much.

The opposite sex finds you extremely attractive and will likely make a play for your affection. Behaving conservatively in social settings will serve you well.

Don't try to scam too many festivities into too little time this weekend.

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That's just a sample of the astonishing trivia that reporters and editors at *Weekly World News* have unearthed while researching all the [illegible] stories you read in our paper every week. Here's more:

One of the great film and stage stars with an actor named Harrison Ford. Born on March 16, 1884, he made several films from 1915 to 1931 and died in 1957 — when future Star Wars star Harrison Ford was 15.

● A rat's tooth never stop growing. They just get worn down by constant gnawing.

● The technology that made television possible was inspired in 1918 by rows of dancing plowed on [illegible] Idaho [illegible] by 10-year-old Philo [illegible] The young farmhand was an electrophile who often looked at the rows and realized that TV images could be broadcast with a series of rapidly transmitted lines. Farnsworth patented a broadcast tool in 1927 and went on to create early versions of radar and even the electronic microscope.

● The great artist Rembrandt's last name was van Rijn.

● About 100 people [illegible] reactions to penicillin every year in the U.S.

● Traffic in London is so clogged, cabbies can only go about 9 m.p.h.

● Milk chocolate was invented in 1875 by Swiss chocolatier Daniel Peter and baby-food manufacturer Henri Nestlé — founder of the food company that now sells billions of candy bars and other foods.

● A gallon of sea-water contains about a pound of salt.

● Ouch! Your head has 1,350 nerve endings in every square [illegible]

every day is Las Vegas — and more fascinating . . .

TRIVIA

By KATE McCLAIRE

■ Word of the week: fundamentalist — a tightrope walker.

More than 362 million Oreo cookies have been sold — that's enough to fill 40,920 freight-train cars to the point of bursting.

■ By the U.S. government's count, people have eaten more than 20,000 tons of peanut butter to lose weight.

■ An average 23 million Americans are on vacation every week.

■ A healthy newborn baby has 20-20 vision at birth.

■ Almost 60 percent of women and 50 percent of men recall dates as far back as their fourth birthday.

■ The world's tallest grass is bamboo, which can grow to 120 feet.

■ Don't send a red Christmas card to your Japanese friends — in Japan, red is the color of death.

■ Before 1892, when the number one singer was invented, singers making records had to perform a song repeatedly — once for each copy that was produced.

■ The White House was designed in 1792 by James Hoban, who was paid $500 and given a plot of land in the capital.

■ Bedouin women are in charge of all the livestock in a tribe — except for the camels, which are handled only by the men.

■ "Facts do not cease to exist because they are ignored." — Writer and philosopher Aldous Huxley.

Famous amphibian Kermit the Frog was originally a lizard. Muppet-master Jim Henson created Kermit in 1955 using his mother's green coat for the body and a ping-pong ball for the eyes. Kermit became a frog in 1968, a year before he became part of the founding cast of PBS' Sesame Street.

VIVA LAS VEGAS!

Here are some things we bet you didn't know about America's glitzy Sin City:

■ The first casino to open on Highway 91, the road that would become the Las Vegas Strip, was the Pair-O-Dice Club, which started up in 1931.

■ That's also the year Nevada became the first state to legalize casino gambling. All gambling [illegible] since 1910.

■ [illegible] the [illegible] the other casino for a single [illegible]

On New Year's Eve 1999, the Aladdin closed out its one-evening $14,000 million in ticket sales for a one-night concert by [illegible].

■ Las Vegas is also the wedding capital of the world, hosting an average 300 weddings [illegible] a day.

■ Famous Vegas brides and grooms include Dan Blocker and Carmen Electra (Dec. 15, 1998), Robert Cain and Cindy Crawford (Dec. 12, 1991), and Frank Sinatra and Mia Farrow (July 19, 1966).

■ The biggest single wedding [illegible] was in a Las Vegas [illegible]

The biggest Las Vegas wedding of them all was between Elvis Presley and Priscilla Anne Beaulieu, on May 1, 1967.

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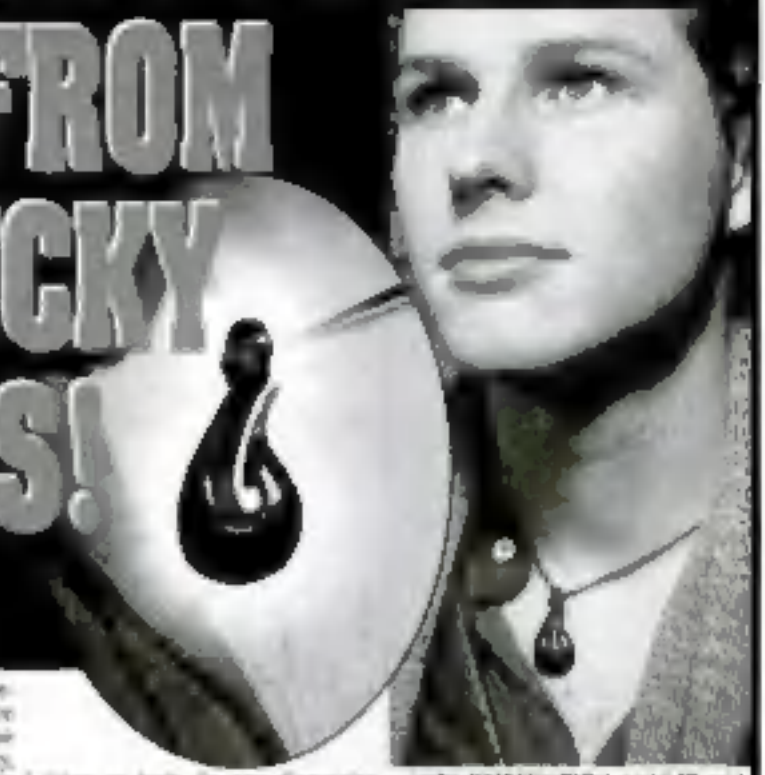

LUCK PRESERVATION AMULET sold by African witch doctor is guaranteed to keep folks with a dark cloud over their head from ruining your life too.

By MICHAEL CHIRON
Correspondent

IN THE Hollywood flick *The Cooler*, William H. Macy stars as a loser whose luck is so bad, a casino recruits him to stand next to high-rollers on a winning streak so his ill fortune rubs off on them.

Amazingly, experts in the occult say such people do exist — and if you're around them and the "dark cloud" that hovers over them, it can spell disaster for you.

But help is on the way. An African witch doctor is selling charms guaranteed to keep unlucky people away from you!

The meticulously handcrafted stone "Luck Preservation Amulets" created by Gowon Onyebuchi are covered with magical markings and specially blessed in a centuries-old ritual.

"When a bearer of ill fortune approaches you, you can tell because the stone grows warm," says the native of Nigeria, who now lives in England. "The unlucky person also experiences discomfort and is inclined to burst wind. If they don't have certainly enhanced Onyebuchi's fortune. Close to 15,000 have been purchased in Britain since he began hawking them in January, first in his London shop and then through magazine ads. And business is so brisk, he plans to make them available worldwide via the Internet soon.

The 54-year-old witch doctor hates it when customers ask for his "lucky charms."

"The amulets are not lucky," he explains. "They are merely devices that respond to the negative energy of an unlucky person."

Not surprisingly, scientists dismiss Onyebuchi as a charlatan.

"Well, first of all there's no such thing as luck. So any discussion about poor luck being contagious — let alone an object that can counteract the effect — is sheer poppycock," an Oxford physicist declares.

But Richard Greaves, a leading British expert in the occult, says scientists shouldn't be so quick to pooh-pooh the notion that some folks are born under an unlucky star.

"How do they explain the fact that some people win the lottery jackpot twice — against odds of trillions to one — while others are beset by one disaster after another?" he demands.

And thousands of satisfied customers insist their lives have been changed by the amulets.

Basil Hurstock of Bristol was plagued by a run of bad luck for months.

"I'd make a sale and the client would drop dead of a heart attack before signing the contract," says the 29-year-old salesman. "I'd be car-pooling and get a flat tire. If I drank at a pub with some mates, a stray dart would hit my head.

"When I saw an ad for the amulet, I thought, 'What do I have to lose?' And I sent away for it."

The charm quickly revealed the source of his bad luck: His best friend and closest colleague at work.

"Every time I'd run into trouble, this guy had been somewhere around," Hurstock says. "The best part is, I didn't even have to dump him as a chum — the amulet warded him off naturally.

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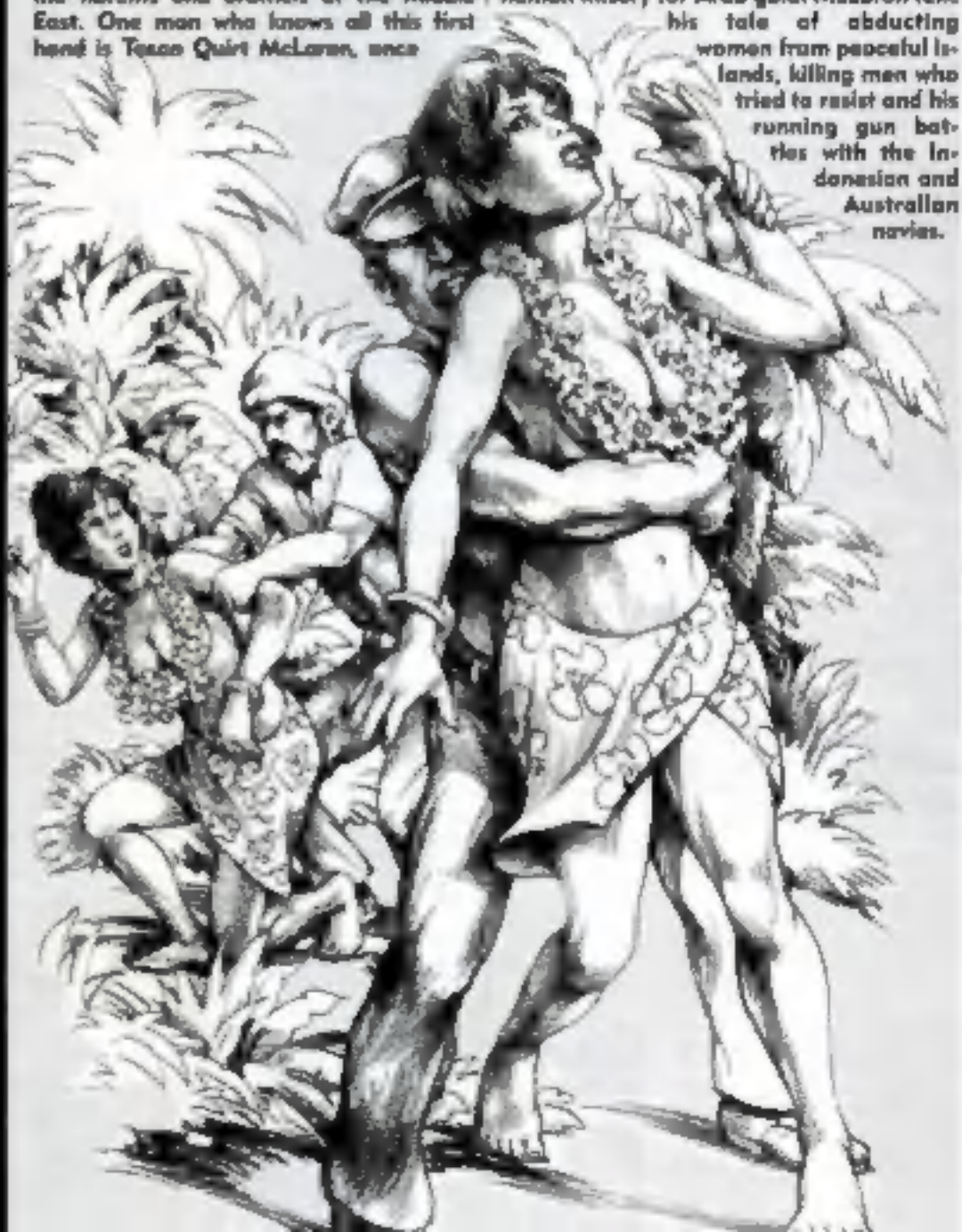
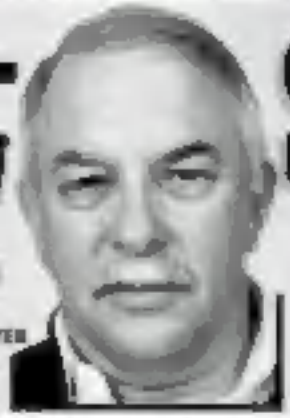
In bold daylight raids the slavers capture beautiful young women, destined for the harems and brothels of the Middle East. One man who knows all this first hand is Texas Quirt McLaren, once captain of the sailing brig *Rose Marie*, the most notorious slave ship to ever engage in the vile slave trade.

Now retired and living in Rio de Janeiro, McLaren spoke exclusively to WWN, describing his 15 years as a slaver, trading in human misery for Arab gold. McLaren tells his tale of abducting women from peaceful islands, killing men who tried to resist and his running gun battles with the Indonesian and Australian navies.



TRADERS OF THE TIMOR SEA

'I kidnapped women – & sold them to Saudi sheiks for $5,000 to $25,000 a head – I GOT MORE FOR VIRGINS!'



RETIRED SLAVER Quin McIntyre

THE SLAVE TRADE isn't something you want to write home to your mother about, but I never made any bones about what I did for a living.

I kidnapped women — beautiful women — and delivered them to customers in Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Qatar and Turkey at $5,000 to $25,000 a head. Teenagers brought the best prices, and sometimes gals in their early 20s fetched a pretty penny too, as long as they looked and acted like sweet country mice who could still write "virgin" after their names with a straight face.

Slave trading isn't something you set out to do, at least I didn't. After I finished my stint in Vietnam for Uncle Sam in 1967, heading back to the States sounded dull, so I drifted south to Indonesia and then to Australia, where I heard about the trade.

But I spent 20 years working straight ships and gambling and womanizing and carousing before the representative of an oil-rich Saudi sheik confused me with a slave trader in a hotel bar in Darwin. Before I could protest too much, he handed me a wad of cash and told me to be back next week, "but not too old," he said, "and there will be more."

A rented boat, a run up to Lautaruia in the Timor Sea, $300 slipped to a couple of thugs . . . it didn't take much and I had a brown-skinned girl signed, sealed and delivered — in a duffel bag.

The girls even carried her to my boat, no extra charge. The Arab liked what he saw, and I was in business. And my reputation grew fast. Too fast — just three months later I had to get out of Darwin. But by then I had enough money to buy a real slave boat, the *Rose Marie* — a sleek, wave-jumping sailing ship that Indonesia's coastal authority and Australia's navy are still trying to catch.

I pretty much based myself in Nayu-Undan and Bilang, two spits of palm trees and villages in the Timor Sea. But I had no objection to firing on just about any old speck of uncharted turf, especially when I had to lay low.

Most of the time I worked with a couple of Aussies who would have killed their own mothers for a pack of smokes and a cold beer. I didn't mind delivering women to the Arabs. But I didn't care much for heading out into the girl-rich villages that pepper the islands between Australia and Indonesia.

I could have paid locals to do it. But Marty and Bruce worked cheap, where from 10 to 30 girls a month and I never heard them mention it — even when we had those gals bound and gagged and packed below deck like sardines.

Sure, I was making good money — $15,000 a month and more was par for the course, but don't get the idea this was a walk in the park. Most guys wouldn't have the stomach for it. These girls were terrified. And I won't lie about it. A lot of these Arabs weren't looking for another wife to put in their harem. They pass these girls around to their friends and family members until there isn't much left, if you know what I mean. Then they kill them or dump them on the streets to fend for themselves. The lucky ones make it as hookers. The unlucky ones die.

Or maybe it's the other way around.

But I didn't dwell on what might be happening to the women. I had enough to think about watching my own back. In the early days, I used to keep track of my gun battles with the Indonesians and Aussies. I was shot at, chased and threatened by guys in crisp white uniforms yelling through megaphones two or three times a month. I was shot twice and I've got the scars to prove it.

Of course, that's just part of doing business when you're dealing in humans. You're dealing in humans. You're dealing in humans. You

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